

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father,
 who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory, forever.
 Amen.

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card during worship and place it in the offering plate. The next First Steps Class is today at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

OFFERING God, Who Stretched HOLY MANNA
 the Spangled Heavens Arr. Cathy Mocklebust
 Suzanne Barnard and Michael Carrillo

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in September are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
 God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
 lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
 Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly
 Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:
 God, our gracious Creator,
 we give you thanks for the gift of life
 to these who celebrate their birthdays in September.
 Grant that they may make this new year in their lives
 an offering that will enrich your world
 and give you glory.
 Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace
 and strengthen their trust in your goodness
 all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists: Reverend Michael Mumme, Reverend Cathy Stone,
 and Wendi Olinger
Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

WORSHIP MUSIC

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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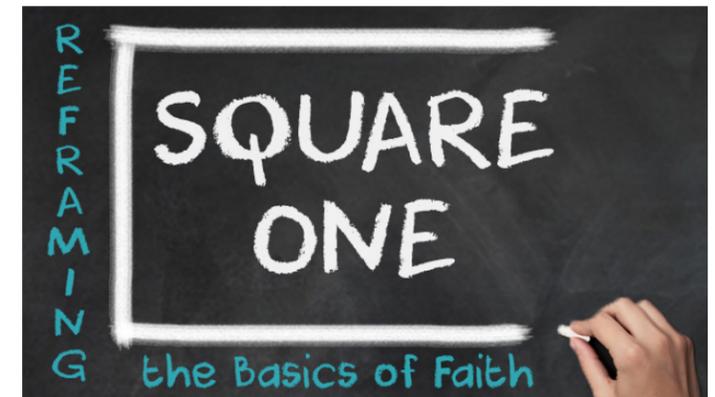
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Sermon: "Being Church"

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2017
 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *without exception*, to attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church. For a description of our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and at 6:30 a.m. on Thursdays, visit our website at fumcaustin.org.

FAMILY ROOM

For parents with infants and toddlers, our Family Room, located in the balcony, offers rockers, books, toys, and a comfortable place for diaper changes. Childcare provided by our well-trained childcare staff is also available in Room 103 and 104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY PARKING

For mobility-impaired individuals as well as those needing close-in parking, reserved handicap and accessible parking spaces are designated by signage along the wall of the Trial Lawyers' building. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church.

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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

OPENING MUSIC

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Communication Card.

Response: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Psalm 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT O God Beyond All Praising Gustav Holst

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved ones,
you are created by God.
**We are God’s handiwork,
woven together in love.**
Beloved ones,
you are bent by the power of sin.
**We cannot save ourselves
from the darkness of this world.**
Beloved ones,
you have been made alive again in Christ.
**Now we are free
to join in God’s mission of redemption.**
Let us worship the God
who creates, redeems, and sustains our lives!

* HYMN O God Who Shaped Creation See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM All Things Are Yours, My God Carl Schalk

All things are yours, my God,
Creator of all that exists,
all wisdom, all beauty, and might.
You made me, you own me,
your glory surrounds me;
I live by your mercy and love.
All things are yours, and so am I.
All things are yours, my Lord,
Redeemer of all who have sinned,
new master of all who repent.
You sought me, you found me,
you call me, you lead me;
now have me live only for you.
All things are yours, and so am I.
All things are yours, my guide,
renewer and giver of life,
transformer of hearts and of minds.
Renew me, transform me, inspire me,
refine me, and give me the spirit of Christ.
All things are yours, and so am I.
“All things are yours, my child:
so live like the heir that you are,
entrusted with all that you have.
Be faithful, be prudent, be daring,
be caring, as giving as I am toward you.
All things are yours, and you are mine.”

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 139:1-18, 23-24

Refrain



Lord, you have searched me; you know me through and through.

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O Lord,
you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
**Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.**

You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
**Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. Refrain**
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
**If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and the light around me become night,”
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.**
For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
I praise you,
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
**My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed. Refrain**
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them—they are more than the sand;
I come to the end—I am still with you.
**Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.**
**See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Refrain**

HYMN 560 Help Us Accept Each Other
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 560 Help Us Accept Each Other
Stanza 3 sung seated as children return to their seats.

SERMON We The People: Humanity

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE