

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that, or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.

Gluten-free wafers and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive a wafer.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Anthem My Soul in Stillness Waits Marty Haugen

Refrain:

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits,
truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory,
your radiance shines in all who look to you,
come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits,
our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word,
come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us,
and in your advent draw us all to you,
our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage,
we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain,
open to us the pathway of your peace.

Come let us bow before the God who made us,
let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord,
for we are all the people of his hand.

Here we shall meet the Maker of the heavens,
Creator of the mountains and the seas,
Lord of the stars, and present to us now.

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Hymn Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart.

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

It is a United Methodist custom to receive a freewill love offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. Today, all gifts left on the rail will go to the FUMC Emergency Assistance Fund.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 376 Dona Nobis Pacem

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Darcy Hamre

Communion Servers

Mark and Darcy Hamre

Tucker and Whitney Thurman

Cantor

Michael Carrillo

Quartet

Jan Morris, Linda Murdock, Tom Richardson, and Dan Wood

Piano

Susannah Willms

Violin

Lucy Hamre



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2016

9:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Because we believe that every human being is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL persons, *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 sign in the attendance cards as a way of offering our presence to God.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The world is enveloped in darkness.
How can we prepare the way when we cannot see?
All around us children are starving,
nations are at war,
and hatred runs rampant.
We wonder if the world can be saved.
God dares us to hope for light.
We long for light; we cling to hope.
God promises that light is coming.
We dare to wonder; we dare to believe.

* HYMN 211 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stanzas 1-4

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit,
upon these words we hear,
and upon our minds and hearts as we hear them.
Breathe your truth into us,
blow away all that is false,
and fill us with the love
that sets the universe ablaze.
Even so, come, Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5 Old Testament, page 600
Matthew 24:36-44 New Testament, page 26

SERMON I Wonder If the World Can Be Healed...

RESPONDING IN FAITH

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Shepherd of Israel, God of hosts,
we have turned away from you,
neglecting the welfare of your creation,
ignoring the plight of your people,
trampling on the creatures and the plants you have made,
taking from Earth what we cannot give back.
We have not helped our neighbors in need,
kept peace within our families,
or tended the vine you have planted in our own lives.
Forgive us and lead us to a more gracious life.
In your compassion, turn us to your way.
Restore us, O Lord, God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us,
and we shall be saved.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. All are called by God to give generously in response to God's generosity and to support the work God is doing through the Church. If your response involves taking a first step to become a follower of Christ and/or a member of this church, fill out a Communication Card and place it in the offering plate.

OFFERTORY When Emmanuel Has Come Don Besig/Nancy Price

All the world is waiting for a savior.
All the world is waiting for a king.
Soon we will behold what the prophets have foretold.
Soon we will receive the gift He brings.

All the world is waiting for Messiah.
All the world is waiting for God's Son.
Soon He will appear for the time is drawing near.
Soon we all will greet the Promised One.

There will be joy when Emmanuel has come.
Heaven will rejoice and praise His name.
There will be joy when Emmanuel has come,
and the world will never be the same.

All the world is waiting for an answer.
All the world is waiting for a light.
Soon it will be dawn and the darkness will be gone.
Soon a king will come to make things right.

There will be joy when Emmanuel has come.
Heaven will rejoice and praise His name.
There will be joy when Emmanuel has come,
and the world will never be the same.
We will never be the same.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow;
praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise God a - bove ye heav - - - 'nly host;
praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. Re-joice! Re-joice!
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Words: Thomas Ken, alt.; 9th century Latin

Music: VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL - plainsong, Mode 1

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin
before God and one another.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING THE BREAD