

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 our Vacation Bible School Missions.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Lord God,
in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 549 Where Charity and Love Prevail Stanzas 1, 2, and 6

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Michael Mumme

Kevin Waggoner

Communion Servers

Chris and Judy Funke

Kevin and Catherine Waggoner

Cantor

Michael Carrillo

Pianist

Susannah Willms

Violinist

Evelyn Gullatt

WE ARE CALLED

Verses



1. Come! Live in the light!
2. Come! O - pen your heart!
3. Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
Show your mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to
called to be hope for the hope - less so all
reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - ty of God!
ha - tred and blind - ness will be no more!
sis - ters and broth - ers u - ni - ted in love!

Refrain



We are called to act with jus-tice,



we are called to love ten - der - ly,



we are called to serve one an - oth - er;

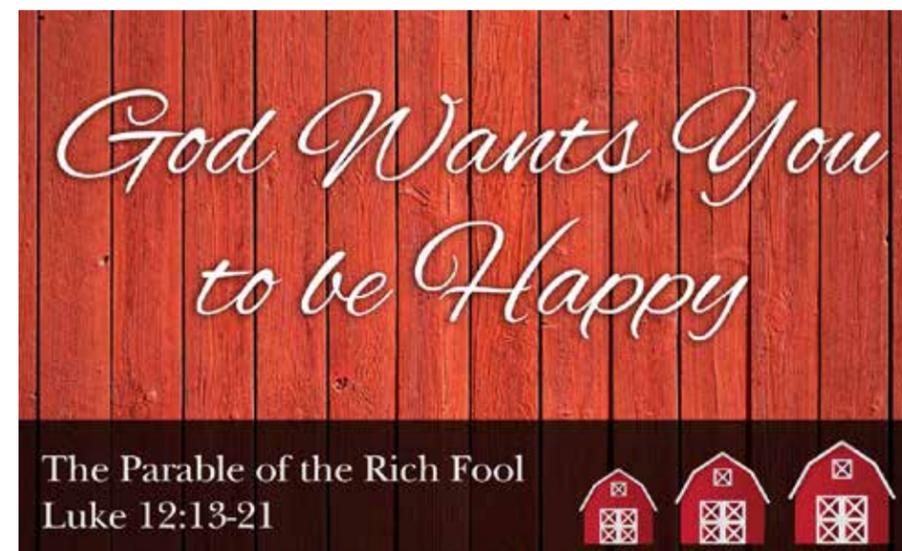


to walk hum - bly with God!

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 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, at open meters around the church, and on the roof top of the TSTA garage on 12th Street.

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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 white folders as a way of offering our presence to God.

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

Psalms 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on Earth.
Christ dwells among us and is one with us.
Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.
He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.
Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.

* HYMN

We Are Called

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OPENING PRAYER

Extravagant God,
you offer riches that no earthly pleasures can match.
You pour out mercy and cover us with love.
You show us true justice and offer us peace.
You provide us with every need
and promise us eternal life with you.
In the midst of the glitz and glamour of this world,
nothing, and no one, shines with your brilliance.
Bathe us in the light of Christ,
illumine us with your Holy Spirit,
and enable us to live only for you.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God,
allow us your wisdom.
By the power of your Holy Spirit
open the Scriptures to us today,
that in the Word read and proclaimed
we might know your truth.
In Jesus' name we ask it.
Amen.

* GOSPEL READING Luke 12:13-21

New Testament, page 70

Response at the conclusion of the reading:
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

God Wants You to be Happy

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Worship leads us to make commitments to God. If your response involves taking a first step to become a follower of Christ and/or a member of this church, fill out the First Steps card clipped to the pew back and place it in the offering plate.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you
with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.
Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

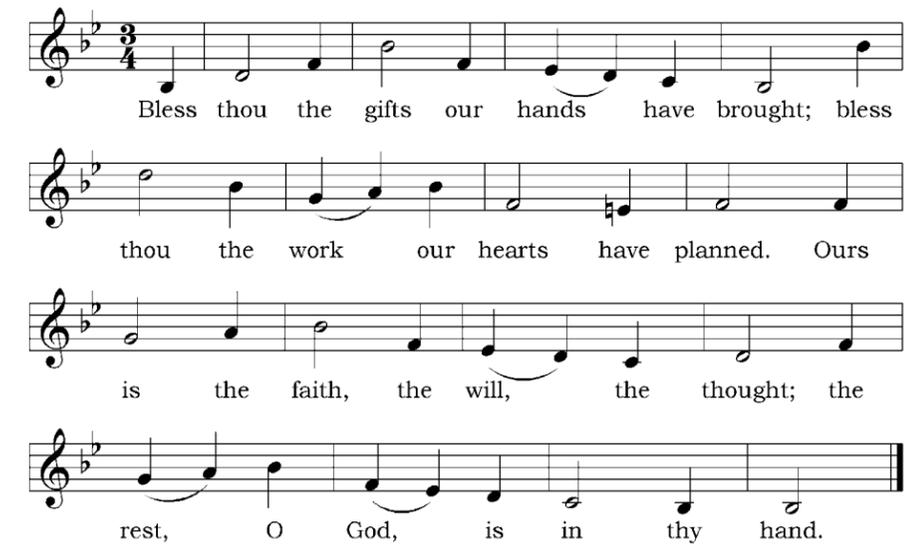
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

While it is true that we have sinned,
it is a greater truth that we are forgiven
through God's love in Jesus Christ.
To all who humbly seek the mercy of God I say,
in the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Glory to God.
Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore
(Words: Hymn 344)

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours
is the faith, the will, the thought; the
rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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* 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

In The United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table, whether you are a member of this or any church. We welcome all, regardless of age or situation in life.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

434 When the Poor Ones
628 Eat This Bread