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* **HYMN** 664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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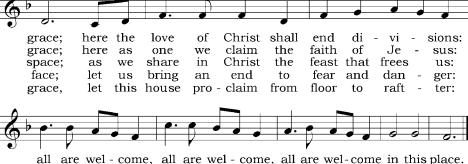
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ALL ARE WELCOME





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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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to a time of wonder

and music that calls us home.

Welcome to hear God's words that inspire and challenge and to reminders that we are offered holy hospitality — hospitality that teaches us how to open our lives to others leading us to fully live open hearts, open minds, open doors.

* HYMN

All Are Welcome

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OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 14:12-14

New Testament, page 73

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 4:8-17

Old Testament, page 327

SERMON

How Do I Use My Space?

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,

we confess how hard it is to be your people.

You have called us to be the church,

to continue the mission of Jesus Christ

to our lonely and confused world.

Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active,

isolated than involved,

callous than compassionate,

obstinate than obedient,

legalistic than loving.

Gracious Lord,

have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.

Remove the obstacles preventing us

from being your representatives to a broken world.

Awaken our hearts to the promised gift

of your indwelling Spirit.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope,

this is God's Word of grace:

We are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved.

This gift we have from God.

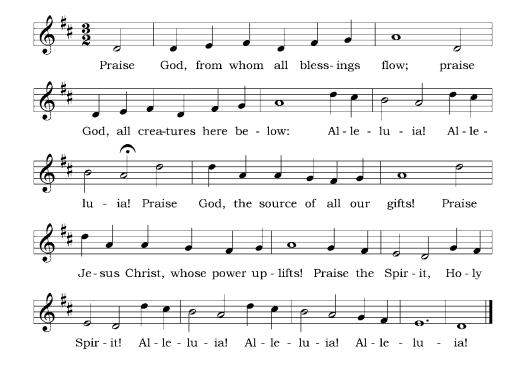
Thanks be to God.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY In the Sweet By and By
We Will Meet on That Beautiful Shore

Mary McDonald

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

*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 to enter this mystery, regardless of age or understanding.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

628 Eat This Bread 640 Take Our Bread

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 English as a Second Language Ministry.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* 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.