

**\* BENEDICTION**

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

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**\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

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Opening Prayer

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and  
3. Let us build a house where love is found in  
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -  
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live, a place where saints and  
words are strong and true, where all God's chil - dren  
wa - ter, wine and wheat: a ban - quet hall on  
yond the wood and stone to heal and strength - en,  
songs and vi - sions heard and loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give. Built of  
dare to seek to dream God's reign a - new. Here the  
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the  
serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the  
taught and claimed as words with - in the Word. Built of



hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of  
cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's  
love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and  
out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's  
tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of



grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Words: Marty Haugen

Music: TWO OAKS - Marty Haugen

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**August 28, 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](http://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 See Back Panel

### 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 Mary McDonald  
We Will Meet on That Beautiful Shore

### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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!

## 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.