

Hymn In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in the Lord I will re-  
 joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
 voic-es, the Lord is near, lift up your voic-es, the Lord is near.

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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 missionary, Willie Berman, and Manos Juntas.*

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 Guide My Feet While I Run This Race

Guide my feet while I run this race,  
 guide my feet while I run this race,  
 guide my feet while I run this race, for I  
 don't want to run this race in vain!

- 2. Guide my mind while I run this race...
- 3. Guide my heart while I run this race...

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

- Preacher*  
 Reverend Taylor Fuerst
- Liturgists*  
 Reverend Michael Mumme  
 Brooks Schuelke
- Communion Servers*  
 Brooks, Heather, Kennedy, and Ryan Schuelke
- Music Director/Organist*  
 Scott Davis

WORSHIP MUSIC

- Presentation of the Offering
- Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
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Hymn  
*Guide My Feet While I Run This Race*  
Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual



September 18, 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

Sing praises to God, O you saints,  
and give thanks to God's holy name!  
**We exalt you, O God,**  
**for you have restored us to life!**  
We may cry through the night,  
but your joy comes with the morning.  
**You hear us, O God,**  
**and you are gracious in our distress.**  
You turn our mourning into dancing!  
**Our souls cannot be silent!**  
**O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you for ever!**

\* HYMN 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

### OPENING PRAYER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds,**  
**by the power of the Holy Spirit,**  
**that as the scriptures are read**  
**and your Word proclaimed,**  
**we may hear with joy**  
**what you say to us today. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

### SERMON

How Do I Care For Myself?

## 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. The next First Steps class will be Sunday, November 6, from 12:15-2:00 p.m.*

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS 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.*

### OFFERTORY

We Come to Your Feast

Michael Joncas

We place upon your table a gleaming cloth of white;  
the weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;  
the dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,  
the promise of our future: our needing and our nurture  
lie here before our eyes.

We place upon your table a humble loaf of bread:  
the gift of field and hillside, the grain by which we're fed;  
we come to taste the presence of him who died for us,  
to strengthen and connect us, to challenge and correct us,  
to live in word and deed.

We place upon your table a simple cup of wine:  
the fruit of human labor, the gift of sun and vine;  
we come to taste the presence of him we claim as Lord,  
his dying and his living, his leading and his giving,  
his love in cup out poured.

We come to your table, we pause within our quest,  
we stand beside our neighbors, we name the stranger "guest."  
The feast is spread before us; you bid us come and dine:  
in blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover  
your substance and your sign.

We come to your feast: the young and the old,  
the frightened, the bold, the greatest and the least.  
We come to your feast with the fruit of our lands  
and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.

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### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise  
God, all crea-tures here be - low: 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

*In The United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. It does not matter whether you are a member of this or any church. We welcome all, regardless of age or understanding.*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### \* 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

### 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.*

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