

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 AND TIME OF COMMITMENT

As you come forward to receive communion, you are encouraged to bring your commitment card to lay at the altar as a sign of your commitment to God's purpose in the coming year.

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

87 What Gift Can We Bring
 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 Refugee Services of Texas and the World Communion Offering, which offers scholarships for United Methodist students.

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 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 2. The world be - hind me, the cross be -
 3. Though none go with me, still I will

Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 fol - low, though none go with me, still I will

Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 fol - low, though none go with me, still I will

Je - sus, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

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CLOSING MUSIC

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
 Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
 Reverend Michael Mumme
 Glenn Karisch
Communion Servers
 Glenn and Suzanne Karisch
 Jerry and Merry Rightmer
Singers
 Michael Carrillo
 Jan Morris
 Linda Murdock
 Dan Wood
Piano
 Susannah Willms
Violin
 Evelyn Gullatt



Extravagant GENEROSITY

DRIVEN BY COMMITMENT
 October 30, 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 white folders as a way of offering our presence to God.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all you people.
Praise him, all you heavenly hosts.

Praise him for his mighty acts.
Praise him for his greatness.

God calls us to be God's people,
A royal priesthood and a holy nation,
to proclaim aloud the Lord's name,
to tell all the world the wonders of God's works.

For God satisfies the thirsty,
and fills the hungry with good things.

God takes care of the lowly and the poor.
God redeems the lives of those who call upon God's name.

Whom shall the Lord send to them, and who will go for us?
"Here am I, Lord! Send me!"

* HYMN 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

OPENING PRAYER

FAITH IN ACTION

Mark Hamre

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 12:1-4

Old Testament, page 9

SERMON

Driven By Commitment

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God.
Amen.

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 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 to 2:00 p.m.

OFFERTORY

The Prayer,
Lead Us, Lord

Carol Bayer Sager and David Foster

Arr. Tom Fettke

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;
use them your ho - ly pur-pose to ful - fill.
To - kens of love and pledg-es they shall be
that our whole life is of-fered un - to you;
Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now.

Words: Albert F. Bayly, alt.

Music: GENEVA 124 - Genevan Psalter

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sung by the celebrant to the tune of Hymn 593, Here I Am, Lord. Congregation joins in singing the refrain:

Peo - ple need - ing, Spir - it lead - ing,
Je - sus feed - ing all who came to him.
Bread for tend - ing, cup for mend - ing,
Spir - it send - ing us to serve the world.

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