

OFFERING Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one Spirit, many songs, one voice.
Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.
O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.
In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.
O God, remind us we are not alone.
Though we move on different pathways,
we are walking to your throne.
Help us learn to love each other,
show us ways to understand;
we are members of one family,
growing strong by joining hands.
Take our many ways of working,
blend the colors of each soul
into the beauty of a rainbow;
give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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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!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN** Sing a New World Into Being

See Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Beverly Silas

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Associate Music Director

Wendi Olinger

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Preacher

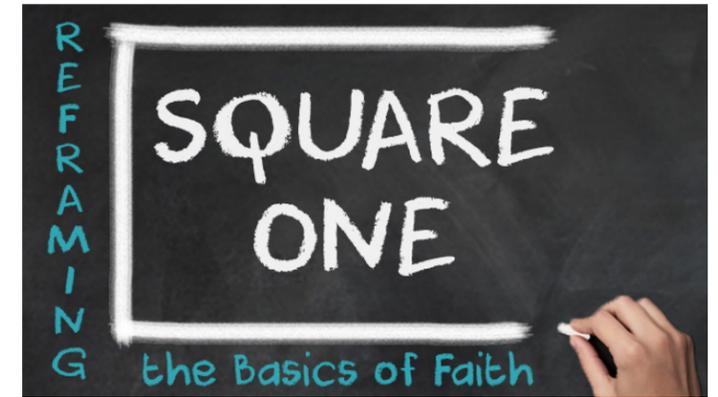
Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Sermon

“For the Beauty: Creation”

Scripture

Psalm 96



**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**
September 17, 2017
11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Because we believe that every person is a beloved child of God, on a journey to God, with God, we welcome ALL people, *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 fill out the Communication Card.

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

Psalm 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst

O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.

Michael Perry

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

God has invited you here!
We have come to meet God and one another.
God has made you a church!
We are growing together in faith and love.
God is calling you to new journeys together!
We are listening and ready to follow God’s call.

* HYMN All Are Welcome

See Insert

ANTHEM

Upon This Rock

John Ness Beck

Upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
I will give thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven.
And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth
shall be bound in heaven.
And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth
shall be loosed in heaven.
Give thanks for the church;
give thanks to God.

Matthew 16:18,19; alt.

** On direction please stand and join the choir in singing:*

1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her
2. We now on earth have un - ion with God the Three in
Lord; she is his new cre - a - tion by
One, and share through faith com - mu - nion with
wa - ter and the Word. From heav'n he came and
those whose rest is won. Oh, hap - py ones, and
sought her to be his ho - ly bride; with
ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we like
his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Music: AURELIA - Samuel Sebastian Wesley

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:11-22 New Testament, page 181

HYMN 558 We Are the Church
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Third Grade Bible Presentation

HYMN 558 We Are the Church
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated as children return to their seats.

SERMON Being Church

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card during worship and place it in the offering plate.