

ANTHEM Praise Ye the Lord (Psalm 150)

Cesar Franck

Alleluia!
O praise ye the Lord, praise God in his temple.
Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power.
O praise him for his might,
and the greatness of his wonders:
O praise him according to his majesty.
Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet;
praise the Lord with the lute and harp;
praise the Lord with the timbrel;
praise the Lord with the dance;
O praise him with the organ
and instruments of strings.
Praise him upon the loud cymbals;
praise him upon the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!
Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 96

Old Testament, page 528

SERMON For the Beauty: Creation

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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, We
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.

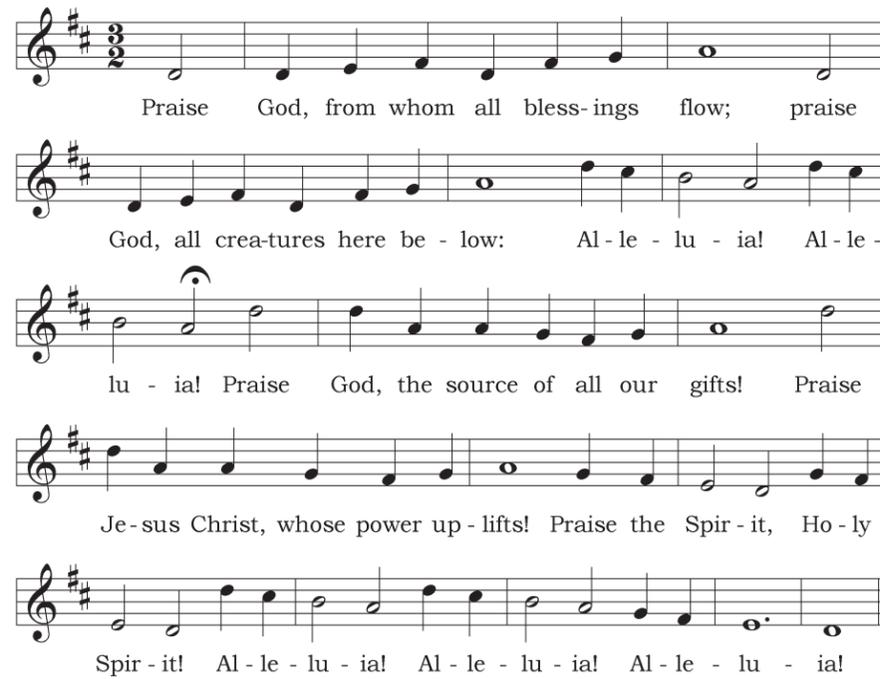
INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

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.

OFFERING Fanfare (The Planets)

Gustav Holtz

*** PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**



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GOING OUT TO SERVE

MUSIC MINISTRY RECOGNITION

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*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN 152** I Sing the Almighty Power of God

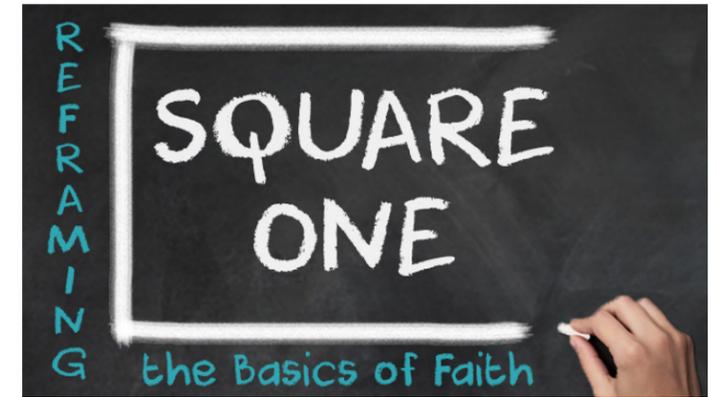
CLOSING MUSIC Symphonie V: Toccata

Charles Marie Widor

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
Reverend Michael Mumme
Reverend Cathy Stone
Parker Sewell
Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis
Associate Music Director
Wendi Olinger



**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**
September 24, 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 Fanfare John Cook

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 When in Our Music God is Glorified C. V. Stanford

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord!
Sing praise to the Lord in the assembly of the faithful.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High.
**For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

* **HYMN 62** All Creatures of Our God and King

OPENING PRAYER

O God,
you made us to be creative and expressive people,
and you have given us the gift of music
to give voice to our praise.

**We sing because you have commanded,
“Sing to the Lord a new song!”**

**We sing because it connects us with our heritage
and tradition.**

We sing because it proclaims our faith today.

**We sing because it gives us new words and music,
new ways of praising you.**

There are times, O God,
when words alone cannot express what we feel,
and in those times of sorrow, suffering, and loss,
your gift of music helps us to express the inexpressible.

**We thank you, O God,
for those who have given us words and music
that we sing and play.**

And today, Lord,
we offer our special prayer of thanksgiving
for those who have cultivated your gift
of musical expression in our midst,
teaching us, leading us, comforting and inspiring us,
directing and accompanying us so ably and so faithfully
as we worship.

Grant them the power of your presence,
the sustaining of your grace,
and the joy of being found faithful in their service,
through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

ANTHEM Fanfare for a Festival Ron Nelson

All praise to music!
Heaven sent,
the voice that lifts all hearts in perfect melody,
and leaves the soul fulfilled with joy and peace.
All praise to music, heaven sent, in open song!

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

READING: WE WILL NOT KEEP SILENT

We are people who must sing you,
for the sake of our very lives.
You are a God who must be sung by us,
for the sake of your majesty and honor.
And so we thank you,
for lyrics that push us past our reasons,
for melodies that break open our givens,
for cadences that locate us home, beyond all our safe places,
for tones and tunes that open our lives beyond control
and our futures beyond despair.
We thank you for the long parade of mothers and fathers
who have sung you deep and true.
We thank you for the good company
of artists, poets, musicians, cantors, and instruments
that sing for us and with us, toward you.
We are witnesses to your mercy and splendor.
We will not keep silent... ever again.
Amen.

Walter Brueggemann

ANTHEM When the Morning Stars Together Tochter Sion,
Cologne

When the morning stars together
their Creator’s glory sang,
and the angel host all shouted
till with joy the heaven’s rang,
then your wisdom and your greatness
their exultant music told,
all the beauty and the splendor
which your mighty works unfold.

When in synagogue and temple
voices raised the psalmists’ songs,
offering the adoration
which alone to you belongs,
when the singers and the cymbals
with the trumpet made accord,
glory filled the house of worship,
and all knew your presence, Lord.
Voice and instrument in union
through the ages spoke your praise,
plainsong, tuneful hymns, and anthems
told your faithful, gracious ways.
Choir and orchestra and organ
each a sacred offering brought,
while, inspired by your own Spirit,
poet and composer wrought.
Lord, we bring the gift of music;
touch our lips and fire our hearts,
teach our mind and train our senses,
fit us for these sacred arts.
Then with skill and consecration
we would serve you, Lord and give
all our powers to glorify you,
and in serving fully live.

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RESPONSIVE READING

All praise to God for song God gives,
for music and a hope that lives;
God’s sacred word is so profound,
we sing and let the truth resound.
**God gave us music, gave us voice;
sing alleluia and rejoice!**
**We lift in faith secure and strong
the sacred word through sacred song.**
The word gives both life and light,
and guides us through the shades of night,
so let the music sound God’s praise
as hymns bring gladness to our days.
**God gave us music, gave us voice;
sing alleluia and rejoice!**
**We lift in faith secure and strong
the sacred word through sacred song.**
All praise to God, whose sacred word
has brought good news to all who heard.
We worship God and sing with joy,
and instruments of praise employ.
**God gave us music, gave us voice;
sing alleluia and rejoice!**
**We lift in faith secure and strong
the sacred word through sacred song.**

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