

* 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!

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

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* 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.

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.

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 the World Communion Offering and Refugee Services of Texas.

COMMUNION HYMNS

620 One Bread, One Body

548 In Christ There Is No East or West

369 Blessed Assurance

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 733 Marching to Zion

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Greg Trosclair and Caroline Jones in honor of Kathleen Jones, on her birthday.

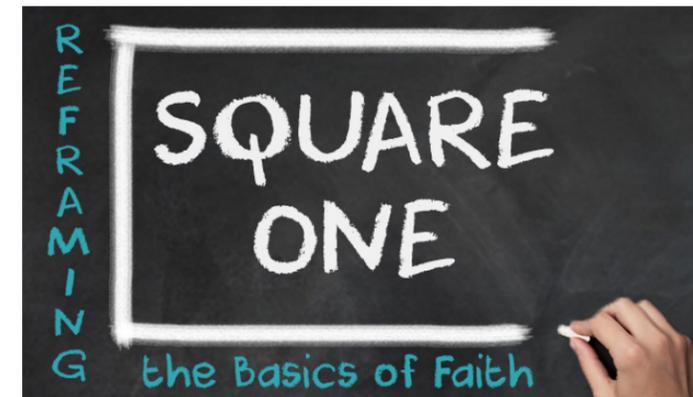
WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists: Reverend Michael Mumme, Reverend Cathy Stone, and Sally Watkins

Communion: Mary Heckmann, Leah Heckmann, Sally Watkins, and Scott and Deborah Wilder

Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 1, 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 Jesus, We Want to Meet

A.T. Olajide Olude

Arr. Frank Boles

Jesus, we want to meet on this thy holy day.
We gather round thy throne on this thy holy day.
Thou art our heavenly friend,
hear our prayers as they ascend;
look into our hearts and minds today,
on this thy holy day.
We kneel in awe and fear on this thy holy day.
Pray God to teach us here on this thy holy day;
save us and cleanse our hearts,
lead guide our acts of praise,
and our faith from seed to flower raise,
on this thy holy day.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Around the world
people gather to break bread and pour wine.

We gather with them in heart and mind.

Around the world
the broken body is made whole.

As part of that body we join in its unity.

Around the world
the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

* HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil-grim peo-ple:



Salt for the King-dom of God! Share the fla-vor of
Light for the Cit-y of God! Shine so ho-ly and
Bring forth the King-dom of God! Seeds of mer-cy and
Bound for the King-dom of God! Love our jour-ney and



life, O peo-ple: Life in the King-dom of God!
bright, O peo-ple: Shine for the King-dom of God!
seeds of jus-tice, grow in the King-dom of God!
love our home-land: Love is the King-dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the



King-dom of peace; bring forth the King-dom of jus-tice,



bring forth the Cit-y of God!

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OPENING PRAYER

God of the impossible,
we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation;
when the challenges seem too many,
remind us of your resurrection power;
when the task seems overwhelming,
remind us of the miracle of love;
and when apathy threatens us,
remind us of your vision of a world made whole.
Help us to hope that the impossible can happen
and live as if it might do so today.

Amen.

Annabel Shilson-Thomas

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-28 New Testament, page 166

SERMON

The End Game:
The Reign of God

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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

Here, O My Lord

Eleanor Daley

Here, O my Lord I see thee face to face,
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.
Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee, the royal wine of heaven,
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
This is the hour of banquet and of song,
this is the heavenly table spread for me,
here let me feast, and feasting still prolong
the brief bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Amen.

Horatius Bonar