

OFFERING

Ain't Got Time to Die

Hall Johnson

Albert Garcia

Lord, I keep so busy praising my Jesus,
 ain't got time to die.
 'Cause when I'm healing the sick,
 I'm praising my Jesus.
 'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus,
 all of my time to praise my Lord;
 if I don't praise him the rocks gonna cry out,
 "Glory and honor!" Ain't got time to die.
 Lord, I keep so busy working for the Kingdom,
 ain't got time to die.
 'Cause when I'm feeding the poor,
 I'm working for the Kingdom, ain't got time to die.
 Lord, I keep so busy serving my Master,
 ain't got time to die.
 Now, won't you get out of my way,
 let me praise my Jesus?
 Out of my way let me praise my Lord!
 If I don't praise him the rocks gonna cry out,
 "Glory and honor!" Ain't got time to die.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in October are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

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 UNSERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:

God, our gracious Creator,
we give you thanks for the gift of life
to these who celebrate their birthdays in October.
Grant that they may make this new year in their lives
an offering that will enrich your world
and give you glory.
Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace
and strengthen their trust in your goodness
all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Go, Make of All Disciples

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CLOSING MUSIC La Rejouissance

George Frideric Handel
(Royal Fireworks Music)

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Terry Purdy in honor of her husband, Matthew, for his birthday on October 4 and in honor of her daughter, Eleanor, for her birthday on October 10.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Bishop Robert Schnase

Liturgists

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

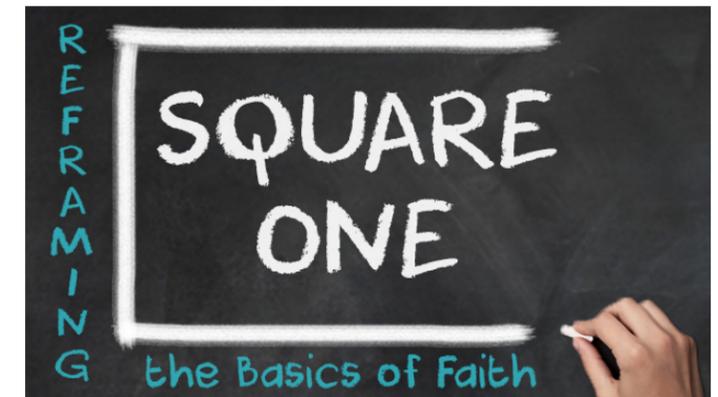
Associate Music Director

Wendi Olinger

Trumpets

Bob Cannon

Nathaniel Mayfield



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 8, 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 Sonata in D Petronio Franceschini

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 Come, O Come, In Celebration Scott Davis

Come, O come, in celebration,
household of the one true God,
in commitment and rejoicing
let us go where Christ has trod;
as we act in faith and reverence,
let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant,
now and for eternity.

Mary Jackson Cathey

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Rejoice with me, people of God.

Today, there is joy in the presence of God.

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Westminster John Knox Press

* HYMN

Lord God,
Your Love Has Called Us Here

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OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God,
when our spirits lift at the beauty of the day,
you are Lord;
and when chaos threatens to overwhelm us
and we dread the next news cycle,
still, you are Lord.**

**Always you are creating,
redeeming,
sustaining.**

**Speak then your mercy into this place
until we discover the courage to
open our eyes,
unclench our hands,
and move toward our neighbor in need,
until all the world rises and moves
with the rhythm of your grace;
for we long to honor the name of Jesus,
by whose breath we pray.**

Amen.

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Westminster John Knox Press

ANTHEM Rejoice in the Lord George Frideric Handel

(HWV 260)

Rejoice in the Lord, praise his holy name!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-7 New Testament, page 74

HYMN 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Stanza 3 sung seated as children return to their seats.

SERMON Nibbling Our Way Lost

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,
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. The next First Steps Class is Sunday, November 5, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.