

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.

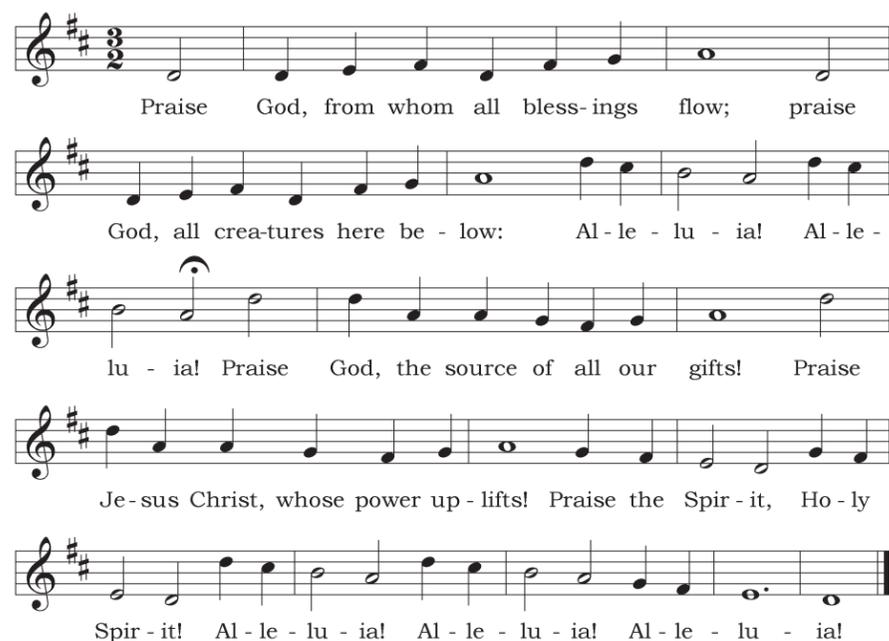
OFFERING

Canticle of Hope

Cynthia Dobrinski

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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



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

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 November.
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.**

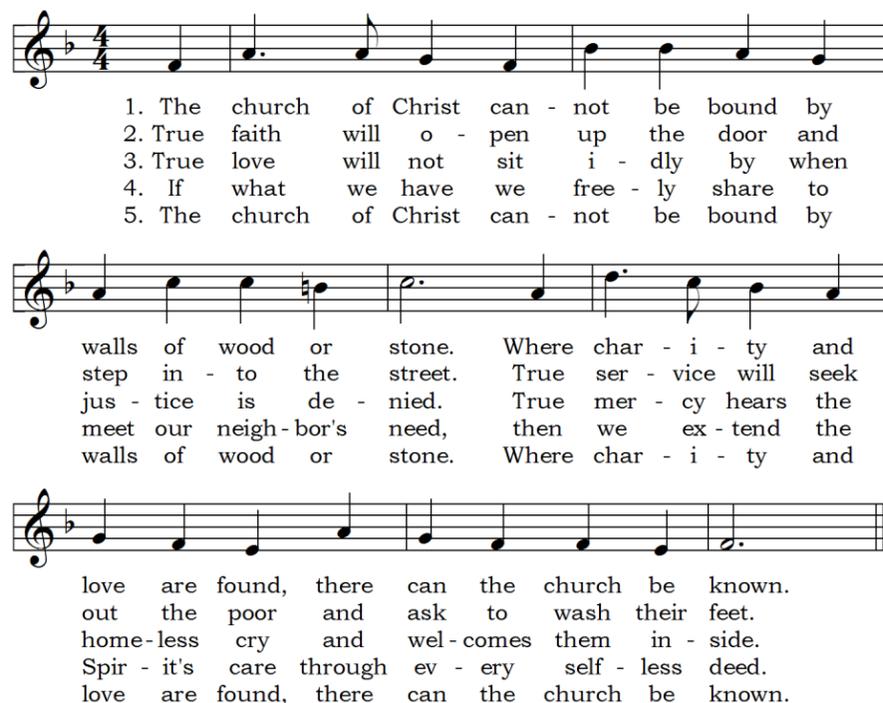
The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound



1. The church of Christ can - not be bound by
2. True faith will o - pen up the door and
3. True love will not sit i - dly by when
4. If what we have we free - ly share to
5. The church of Christ can - not be bound by
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
love are found, there can the church be known.
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
home-less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
love are found, there can the church be known.

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Music: WINCHESTER OLD - Est's *The Whole Booke of Psalmes*

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Elizabeth Lerner in thanksgiving for the Mobile Loaves & Fishes and Community First! Villiage ministries.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Alan Graham

Liturgists:

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Handbell Director

Shirley Derryberry



HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS

November 12, 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 For the World and All Its People John L. Bell

For the world and all its people,
we address our prayers to God.
Confidently, all can worship in the presence of the Lord.
All the powerless,
all the hungry are most precious to their God.
For the poor, God has a purpose,
for the desperate, a word.
Christ is here, and Christ is stronger
than the strength of sin or sword.
God will fill the world with justice
when our will and his accord.

Misa Popular Nicaraguense

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

You call us yours, O God.
So here we are, gathered,
trusting you will nourish us on this journey.
In faith, we show up.

In a world that is aching,
we bring our weary hearts,
longing for a glimpse of hope.
In faith, we show up.

You call us to imagine alternative ways
of living and loving together,
creating a world where all life flourishes.
In faith, we show up.

Even though we sometimes struggle
to believe that change is possible.
In faith, we show up.

You, O God, always show up for us.
Your faithfulness and abiding presence extends through the ages,
connecting us to the saints who have gone before us
and those who have yet to come,
weaving our lives together through the work of liberation.

**Thanks be to the One who teaches us
what it means to show up.
Amen.**

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* **HYMN 428** For the Healing of the Nations

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM The Church of Christ in Every Age Vernon Griffiths

The church of Christ in every age,
beset by change but Spirit led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.
Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ’s sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ’s humanity.
For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.
We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

Fred Pratt Green

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 2:15

Matthew 25: 35-40

HYMN 434 When the Poor Ones
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 434 When the Poor Ones
Stanza 3 sung seated as children return to their seats.

SERMON Gospel con Carne

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O God,
whose wisdom surpasses our understanding
help us to grow as a people of blessing
as we offer our prayers for the church and the world.

We pray for those who mourn;
may they know the comfort of your abiding presence.

We pray for the meek;
may they receive the goodness of your earth.

We pray for those who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
may they be filled with goodness.

We pray for those who are merciful;
may they also receive mercy.

We pray for the pure in heart;
may they see you face to face.

We pray for the peacemakers;
may they be recognized as your children.

We pray for those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness;
may they know the protection of your realm.

**We rejoice this day
and give thanks for the many blessings of this life
and for the gift of heaven which is ours even now.**

**May we, with your prophets from all the ages,
have the wisdom to pursue your truth
and the courage to do what is holy and right.**

We ask all this in the name of Christ,
who is our light and our life.
Amen.

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.**