

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 or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org. The next class is February 4 at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

OFFERING Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion G. F. Handel
(Messiah)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Rejoice greatly, shout, O daughter of Jerusalem:
behold thy king cometh unto thee.
He is the righteous Savior,
and he shall speak peace unto the heathen.

Zechariah 9:9,10

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in January 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 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 January.
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 519 Lift Every Voice

CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Handbell Director

Shirley Derryberry

Soloists

Wendi Olinger (Introit)

Christina Whitford (Offertory)



**SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
January 14, 2018
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 Here I Am, Lord Dan Schutte
Arr. Arnold Shermann

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

In Baptism,
God claims us as God’s own.
Call us by name, O Lord.
In Baptism,
Christ joined with sinners like us.
Break the chains that bind us, O Lord.
In Baptism,
the Spirit calls us to stand and to work for justice.
Make us strong for the work, O Lord.
Let us worship the Lord!

* **HYMN** When Jesus Came to Jordan See Insert

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 611 Child of Blessing
Stanza 1 and 2 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM See Insert

Simon Mark Schumacher

HYMN 611 Child of Blessing
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated as the family returns to their seats.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:4-11 New Testament, page 33

SERMON Out of the Water

RESPONDING IN FAITH

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Introduction

Sisters and brothers in Christ:
through the sacrament of baptism
God’s Spirit has been poured out upon water,
water poured over and immersing us,
water that flows freely for all who will receive it,
water from the streams of God’s saving power and justice,
water that brings hope to all who thirst for righteousness,
water that refreshes life, nurtures growth, and offers new birth.
Today we come to the waters,
to renew our commitments
in each other’s presence
to Christ who has raised us,
the Spirit who has birthed us,
and the Creator who is making all things new.

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

And so I ask you,
will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?
**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets
to the powers that be?
**We accept the freedom and power God gives us
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you proclaim the good news
and live as disciples of Jesus Christ, his body on earth?
**We confess Jesus Christ as our Savior,
put our whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as our Lord,
in union with the church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel,
individually and together,
wherever you are,
and in all that you do?
**We will remain faithful members of Christ’s holy church
and serve as Christ’s representatives in the world.**

Will you receive and profess the Christian faith
as contained in the Scriptures
of the Old and New Testaments?
**We affirm and teach the faith of the whole church
as we put our trust in God, the Father Almighty,
in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
and in the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.
Even so, come Lord Jesus!
Let us pray.
Almighty God,
the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ
will never die.
Your justice never fails.
Your mercy is everlasting.
**Your healing river flows.
Your Spirit blows where you will.
We cannot stop you, God!**
But sometimes we try.
We try to block the waters,
we redirect the winds of the Spirit,
or we walk so far away from the life-giving Stream
that we do not hear its sound,
and we forget its power.

We parch ourselves.
**We are dry and thirsty, O God.
Come, refresh us!**
Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon us, Holy Spirit!
Come upon these waters.
Come upon these waters.
Let these waters be to us drops of your mercy.
Let these waters remind us of your righteousness and justice.
Let these waters renew in us the resurrection power of Jesus.
Let these waters make us long for your coming reign.
Most Holy God, Abba, Father!
Glory to you!
Jesus Christ, Savior, Lord!
Glory to you!
Spirit of fire, Spirit over the waters, Spirit of holiness!
Glory to you!
Eternal God, One in Three and Three in One!
**All glory is yours, now and forever.
Amen!**

As all come forward, you are invited to sing...
Hymn Beloved Child, Beloved Community See Insert
610 We Know That Christ is Raised
608 This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now