# **GOING OUT TO SERVE**

## \* BENEDICTION

\* **HYMN** 586 Let My People Seek Their Freedom

#### **CLOSING MUSIC**

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers are placed on the altar by Mike and Cheryl Etie in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary celebrated today.

#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music

Michael Carrillo, *Cantor* Susannah Willms, *Piano* Evelyn Gullatt, *Violin* 

## **WORSHIP MUSIC**

Bless Thou the Gifts

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - Grenoble Antiphoner; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

# **ALL WHO HUNGER**



Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan

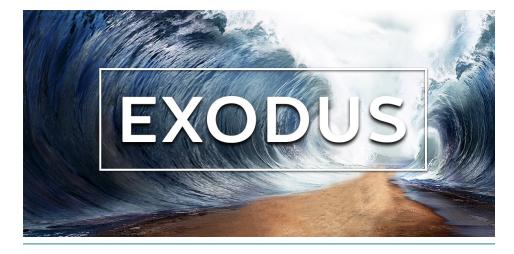
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# February 25, 2018 9:00 a.m.

# 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 Connections Card. During Lent you are invited to write prayers for new life for yourself, for others, for our world on the paper butterflies available in the pews. Place your Connections Card and butterflies in the offering plate.

# **ENTERING THE HOLY**

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together
to worship the God of our fathers and mothers—
the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Miriam and Moses—
who hears the cries of His people and comes to their aid;
who meets us on holy ground and calls us to follow;
who invites us to leave our selfish ways behind,
take up our cross,
and discover what it means to truly live.

This is our God!

Let's worship together.

\* **HYMN** 64 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

# **OPENING PRAYER**

# **HEARING GOD'S WORD**

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Courage,
be in our speaking.
Be also in our listening,
and speak to our souls' deep understanding.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15

Old Testament, page 48

**SERMON** The God Who Will

# **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 Connections Card during worship and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org. The next class is April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

# **OFFERING**

Glory and Praise to Our God

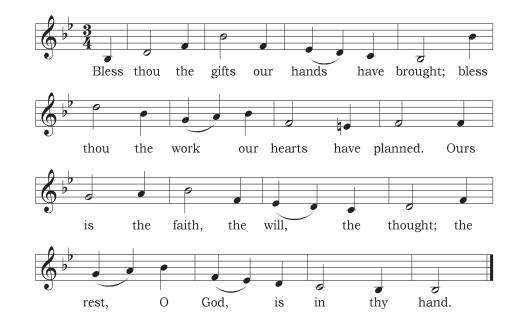
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Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust his ways. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings. In his wisdom he strengthens us like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. Every moment of every day our God is waiting to save, always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray.

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# \*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



# FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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#### 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 HYMNS**

Hymn

All Who Hunger

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Eat This Bread

## **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 our Feed My People Breakfast Ministry. For more information, see the FUMC Weekly.

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING