

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn Let Us Be Bread
Cantor sings the stanzas and all sing the refrain.

Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, bro-ken and
shared, life for the world. Let us be wine, love free - ly
poured. Let us be one in the Lord.

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Hymn Bless the Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho-ly name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

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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 UMCOR. For more information, see the FUMC Weekly.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

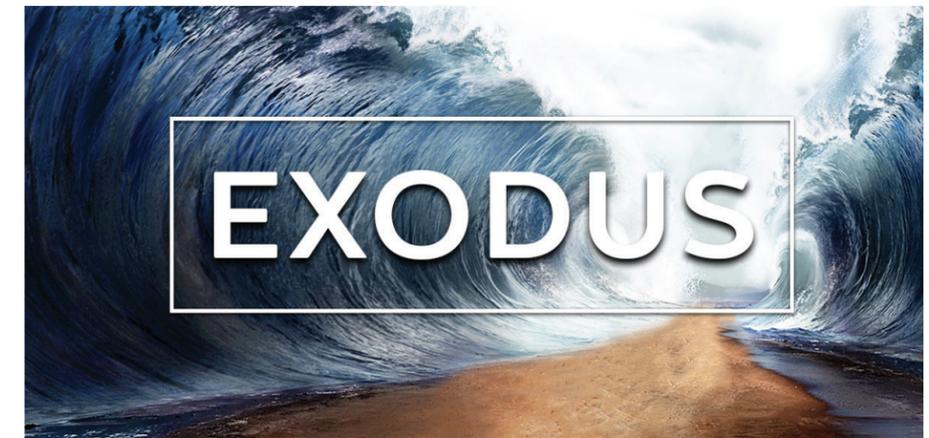
GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 593 Here I Am, Lord

CLOSING MUSIC

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 4, 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.

Making Disciples...Making a Difference
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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar
in loving memory of Pam Jackson by her family.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Molly Drazic

Music

Michael Carrillo, *Cantor*

Susannah Willms, *Piano*

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

God of the prophets,
call to us today.

Call us into your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of the poets,
remind us again how much you love us.

Sing to us your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of the disciples,
teach us how to follow you.

Teach us your ways of love, justice, and righteousness.

God of all creation,
help us to know your ways.

**We gather to hear your call,
to sing your praise,
to teach each other,
and to pray and worship as the Body of Christ.**

* HYMN 660 God Is Here

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 4:1-20 Old Testament, page 49

SERMON The One Who Is Called

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 God It Was John L. Bell

God it was who said to Abraham,
"Pack your bags and travel on!"
God it was who said to Sarah,
"Smile and soon you'll have a son!"
Traveling folk and aged mothers,
wandering when they thought they'd done
this is how God calls his people,
losing all because of One.
God it was who said to Moses,
"Save my people, part the sea!"
God it was who said to Miriam,
"Sing and dance to show you're free!"
Shepherd-saints and tambourinists,
doing what he knew they could
this is how God calls his people,
liberating what they should.
God it was who said to Joseph,
"Down your tools and take your wife!"
God it was who said to Mary,
"In your womb, I'll start my life!"
Carpenter and country maiden,
leaving town and trade and skills
this is how God calls his people,
moving them through what he wills.
Christ it was who said to Matthew,
"Leave your books and follow me!"
Christ it was who said to Martha,
"Listen first, then make the tea!"
Civil servants and housekeepers,
changing places at a cost
this is how Christ calls disciples,
finding those he knew were lost.
In this crowd of common people,
once unknown, whom we revere,
God calls us to share his purpose,
starting now and starting here.
So we celebrate his calling,
so we prize and praise his choice,
as we pray that through this company,
God will act and raise his voice.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours
is the faith, the will, the thought; the
rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. by 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.