

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

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 March.
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 534 Be Still, My Soul

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Steve and Pam Tackett in honor of FUMC pastors and staff.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Brooks Schuelke

Handbell Director

Shirley Derryberry

Cantor

Michael Carrillo

Piano

Susannah Willms

Violin

Evelyn Gullatt

SING OF THE LORD'S GOODNESS



1. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
2. Pow - er he has wiel - ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,
3. Cour - age in our darkness, com - fort in our sor - row,
4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



come to him and bless his name.
ris - en from the snares of death.
Spir - it of our God most high;
praise God with the lute and harp;



Mer - cy he has shown us, his love is for ev - er,
His word he has spo - ken, one bread he has bro - ken,
sol - ace for the wea - ry, par - don for the sin - ner,
praise him with the cym - bals, praise him with your danc - ing,



faith - ful to the end of days.
new life he now gives to all.
splen - dor of the liv - ing God.
praise God till the end of days.



Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good - ness,



mel - o - dies of praise and thanks to God.



Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with your mu - sic,

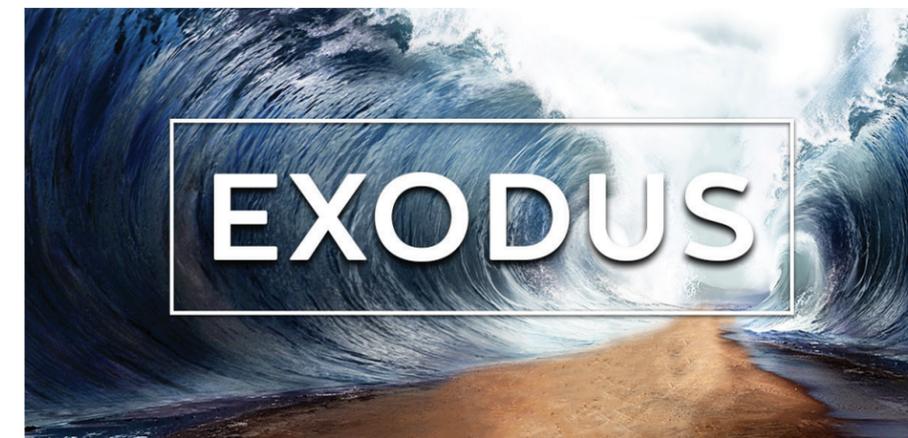


wor - ship him and bless his name.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 11, 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

Friends of God, believe this—
God loved the world,
God loves the world,
we are the beloved!

**May the truth of this great love story
shine through our worship today,
and renew our sense of calling.**

So come, with your tiredness,
your frustrations,
and your discouragements;
come, with your doubts,
your fears,
and your longings;
come, to discover yet again God's love and mercy.

**We come in friendship to God and to each other,
and in friendship to the world,
to listen for God's Word to us,
to offer our prayers,
and to renew our calling.**

Friends of God,
let us worship!

* HYMN Sing of the Lord's Goodness

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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 5:1-14, 22-23 Old Testament, page 50

SERMON Hard-Hearted

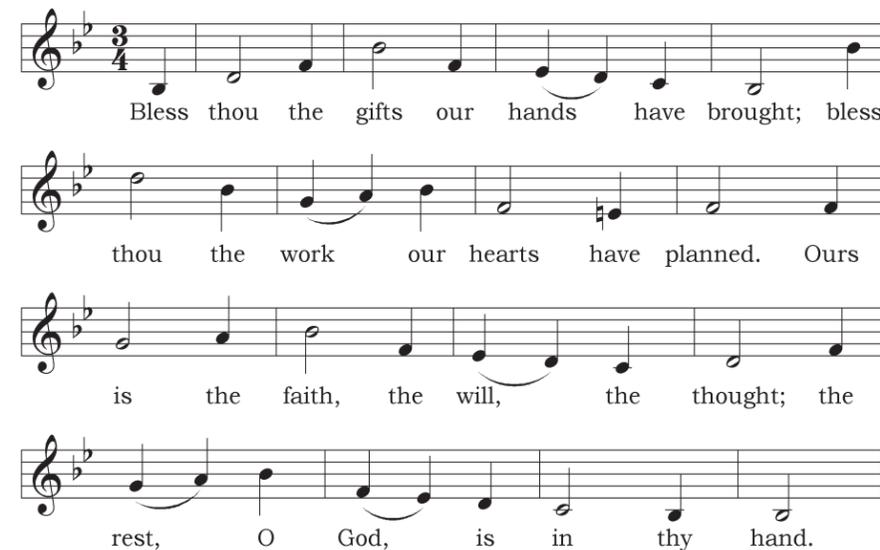
RESPONDING IN FAITH

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 Awake, My Soul Kevin McChesney

* 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

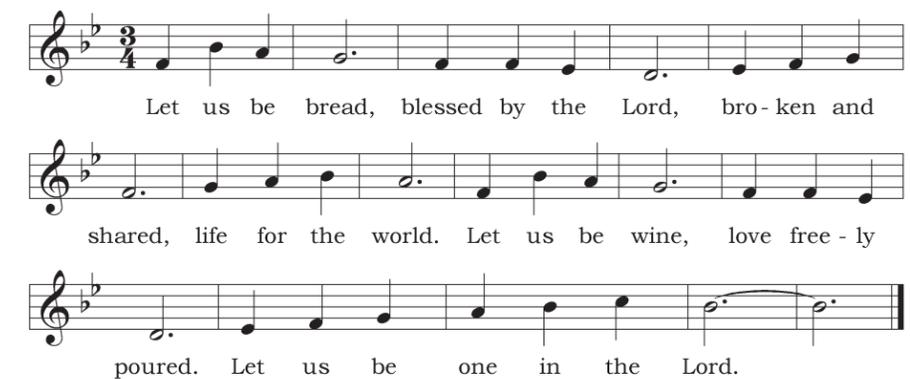
We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

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.

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.

Words and Music: Thomas J. Porter

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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.

Words and Music: Jacques Berthier

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