

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 150 God, Who Shaped the Spangled Heavens

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Mack Hicks in honor of Julie Nelson on their 17th wedding anniversary on April 21 and in memory of his parents, Reagan and Maurine Hicks, on their 86th wedding anniversary on April 22.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Cathy Stone

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Emily Buchanan

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Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Assistant Music Director

Wendi Olinger

WORSHIP MUSIC

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesange; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 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 Connections 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 O God Beyond All Praising Gustav Holst

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing that love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Michael Perry

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise be to God,
who rescues us from the power of darkness;
who redeems us, and sets us free!

Praise be to Jesus Christ, the first born of all creation,
through whom all things were made,
in heaven and on the earth.

Praise be to the Spirit of God,
whose presence sustains us,
and whose breath renews all creation.

Behold! I am making all things new!
Come, O God, and make your home among us.
Pour out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

* **HYMN 152** I Sing the Almighty Power of God

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Psalm 104 Hymnal 826

Read responsively with sung antiphon

HYMN 147 All Things Bright and Beautiful
Refrain, stanzas 1 and 2, refrain
sung seated as the children come forward

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 147 All Things Bright and Beautiful
Refrain, stanzas 3 and 4, refrain
sung seated as the children return to their seats

SERMON The Care of All Creation

CANTATA Rejoice in the Lamb See Insert

PRAYER

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.

OFFERING O God, You Speak Your Beauty Howard Helvey
Every Hour

O God, you speak your beauty every hour,
from soaring peaks to valleys fed by springs.
In every living soul and fragrant flower
your handiwork is seen - creation sings!
As people in your image, we aspire and live
to mirror your creative fire.
O risen Christ, we seek to understand
the vastness of your wide-embracing love.
With mercy from your gentle, guiding hand
we move from depths below to heights above.
May we, with hearts uplifted by your grace,
extend your love to every land and race.
O Spirit, giving breath to all the earth,
we grow in faith and strength from your clear flame.
O Wind of Heaven, recalled at our rebirth,
the world awaits the unity we claim.
With zeal we strive, assisted by your might,
to fill the earth with everlasting Light.
We'll fill the earth with everlasting Light.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise
God, all crea - tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is
ris - en! 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! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!