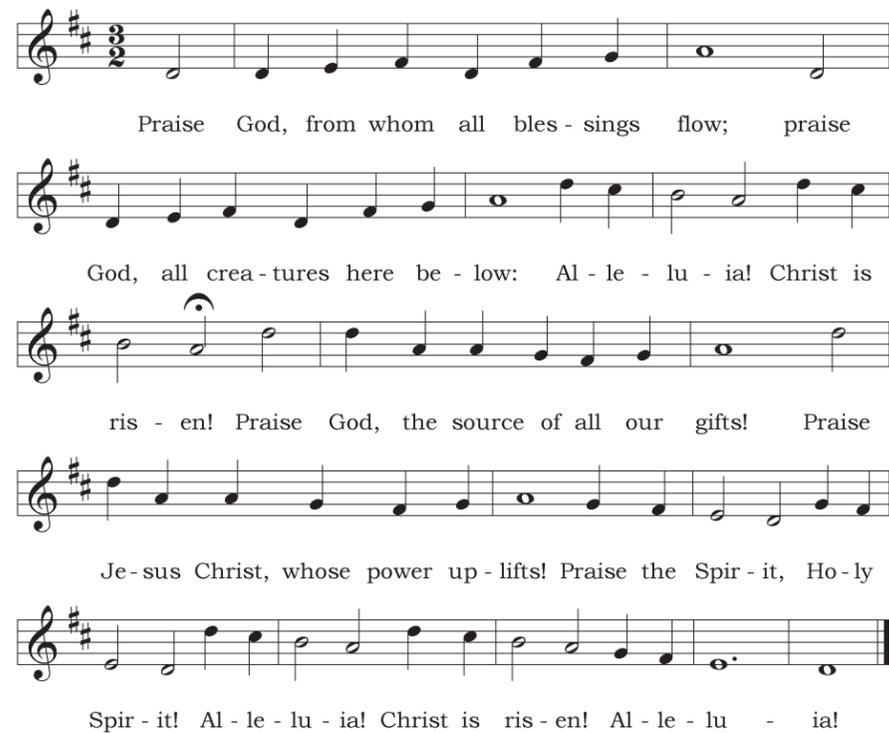


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: 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!

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 567 Heralds of Christ

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

One arrangement is placed in honor of Justin Scarth's birthday by his family and the other is placed by the United Methodist Women of FUMC.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastors: Reverend Taylor Fuerst, Reverend Cathy Stone, and Reverend Kathleen Jones

Ushers and Greeters: Members of United Methodist Women

Assistant Music Director: Wendi Olinger

Pianist: Susannah Willms

Violinist: Evelyn Gullatt

GOD OF THE WOMEN



1. God of the women who an-sw'ered your call,
2. God of the women who walked Je-sus' Way,
3. God of the women long put to the test,
4. God of the women who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe-be and min-is-ters all,
trust-ing your prom-i-ses, giv-ing their all,
giv-ing their re-sourc-es, learn-ing to pray,
left out of stor-ies, for-got-ten, op-pressed,
prayed with the oth-ers in that up-per room,
may we be joy-ful in an-sw'ring your call.
wo-men like Sar-ah and Han-nah and Ruth -
Ma-ry, Jo-an-na, Su-san-na, and more -
qui-et-ly ask-ing: "Who smiled at my birth?" -
then felt your Spir-it on Pen-te-cost Day -
Give us the strength of your Spir-it so near
give us their cour-age to live in your truth.
may we give free-ly as they did be-fore.
in Je-sus' dy-ing you show us our worth.
may we so glad-ly pro-claim you to-day.
that we may share in your min-is-try here.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 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 Womb of Life Skinner Chávez-Melo

Womb of life, and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gathered ‘round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.
Mother, Brother, Holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
We would praise your name forever,
One-in-three, and Three-in one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.

Ruth Duck

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* **CALL TO WORSHIP** Whitney Thurman

We have been called to walk the faithful road and to choose
the way of God’s justice.
**We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good,
and that we live in that goodness. We are here to proclaim
our faith and to seek direction along this faith journey.**
Come together, then, to be God’s people. Follow Christ and
listen for the good things that God has done. Rise up in
praise and thanksgiving!
**We will share with others the goodness that we have found
in God. May our lives be an expression of that goodness.**

* **HYMN 87** What Gift Can We Bring

OPENING PRAYER Felicia Dodd

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM See Insert
Joseph Delcambre Miers

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Melanie Miller

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE John 4:5-15; 25-30; 39 New Testament, page 90

HYMN God of the Women See Back Panel
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Darcy Hamre

HYMN God of the Women See Back Panel
Stanza 3, 4, and 5 sung seated as children return to their seats.

LITANY ON THE PURPOSE OF UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Reader 1: Carol Brady
There is in this church an organized unit of United Methodist Women, a community of women diverse in age, occupation, economic condition, physical capabilities, and even in our understanding of the Gospel We are a community of women whose purpose is:

Reader 2: Pat Rosenblad
To know God through Bible study, prayer, social action, outreach to our neighbors, and leadership development.

Reader 3: Becky Ratliff
To experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. Jesus gives wholeness to all disciples willing to follow his example of love and justice. Our freedom comes because we have said “yes” to God’s call to be women committed to helping women, children, and youth around the world.

Reader 4: Ann Teich
To develop a creative, supportive fellowship, being ready to stand with one another in times of joy, grief, unrest, disease, or any other crisis. We stand ready also to extend our fellowship to women of other denominations and faiths within our community as we attempt to be loving neighbors, as Jesus commanded.

Reader 5: Terri Purdy
To expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. We are a mission organization with almost 150 years of active participation in God’s mission. We study about mission; we contribute financially to mission; we serve and reach out to women, children, and youth next door, down the street, across the country, and around the world.

Reader 6: Carol Brady
We are women of this church joined with hundreds of thousands of others who are United Methodist Women organized for mission.

SERMON Why a Separate Women’s Organization?
Terri Purdy, preaching

- For spiritual growth:
Pat Rosenblad
- For fellowship and support:
Olivia Weldon, read by Becky Ratliff
- For learning and leadership skills:
Ann Teich
- For transforming the lives of women, youth, and children:
Terri Purdy

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 For the Beauty of the Earth John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and star of light.
For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild.
For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

F.S. Pierpoint