

## 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 support a renovation of our sanctuary elevator and other accessibility improvements.

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* HYMN Lord of All Hopefulness



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, whose  
2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, whose  
3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, your  
4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, whose



trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-stroy: Be  
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: Be  
hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace: Be  
voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm: Be



there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, your  
there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, your  
there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, your  
there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, your



bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Music: Irish Folk Melody

## CLOSING MUSIC

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# I have a question...

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 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](http://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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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in honor of the Downtowner's Sunday School Class regular and guest teachers.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgists*

Reverend Michael Mumme

Leonard Reese

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

*Cantor*

Wendi Olinger

## 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.*

## ENTERING THE HOLY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

People of God,  
why are you here today?

**We are here because we have heard a rumor:**

there is life to be found on the other side of death.

**We are here because even a rumor is enough to bring us hope;**

hope is enough for God to bring life into this moment.

**We are here to meet the God of our hope.**

God meets us here;

let us worship together!

\* **HYMN 158** Come, Christians, Join to Sing

### OPENING PRAYER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 New Testament, page 192  
1 Corinthians 15:9-28 New Testament, page 166

**SERMON** We Die...Then What?  
Questions about the Afterlife

## 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 bring it with you to today's class at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.*

### OFFERING

Soon and Very Soon

Andraé Crouch

Arr. Jack Schrader

Soon and very soon,  
we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah!  
We're going to see the King!  
No more dying there,  
we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah!  
We're going to see the King!

### \* 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!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesange; harm. 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 HYMN

I Am the Bread of Life

*Cantor sings the stanzas and all sing the refrain:*



And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,



and I will raise them up on the last day.

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