

## 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

620 One Bread, One Body

630 Become to Us the Living Bread

## 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 150 God, Who Shaped the Spangled Heavens

## CLOSING MUSIC

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 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 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

Albert Garcia

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

*Assistant Music Director*

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

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 92 For the Beauty of the Earth

*Refrain:*

Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

### OPENING PRAYER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Psalm 104

Hymnal 826

*Read responsively with sung antiphon*

SERMON The Care of All Creation

## 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](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org).*

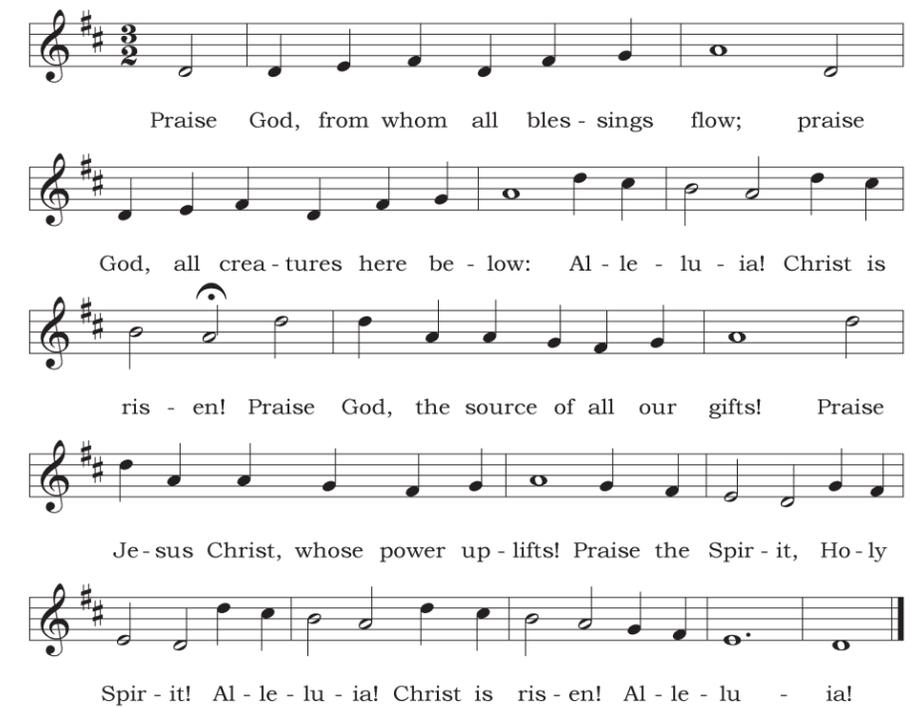
OFFERING O God, You Speak Your Beauty Every Hour Howard Helvey

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!

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

## FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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### 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.**