

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

276 The First One Ever

178 Hope of the World

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 God of the Women See Back Panel

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

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 wo - men who an - sw'ed your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men 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

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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Emily Buchanan

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

Becky Ratliff

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

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:

Olivia Weldon

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
- 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

Ave Maria

Bach Gounod / Arr. Chris Lobdell

* 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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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.**