

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. The next class is June 3 at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

See Insert

Charlyn Loera and Jazmin Kent-Loera

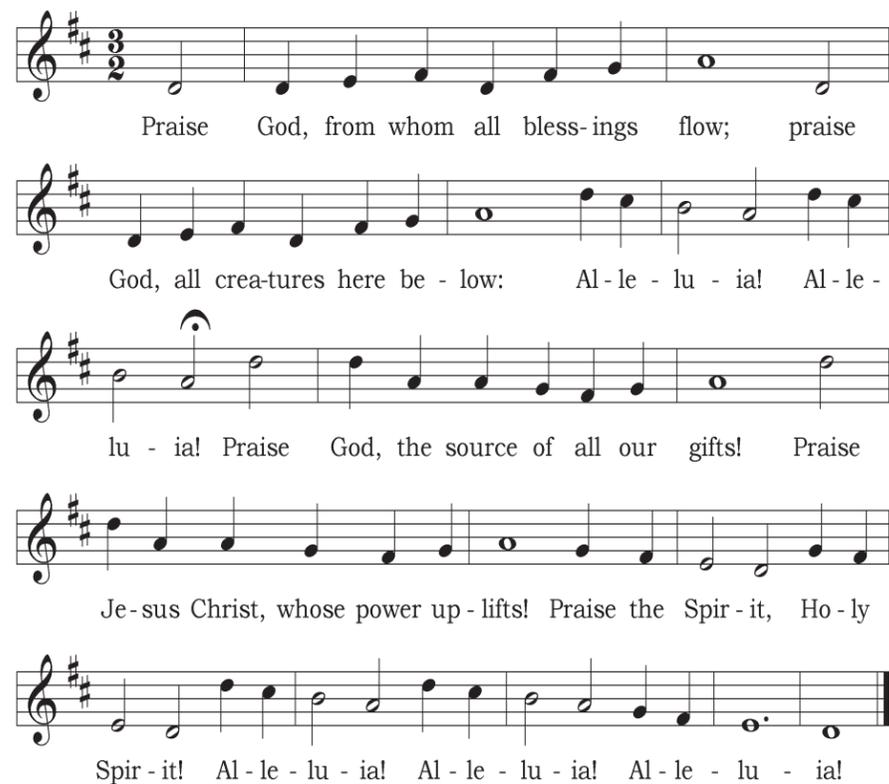
OFFERING

The Gift of Love
Suzanne Barnard

Traditional English Melody
Arr. Christine Anderson

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in May are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
lu-ia! 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! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:

God, our gracious Creator,
we give you thanks for the gift of life
to these who celebrate their birthdays in May.
Grant that they may make this new year in their lives
an offering that will enrich your world
and give you glory.
Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace
and strengthen their trust in your goodness
all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 302 Christ the Lord is Risen Today

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Barrett and Carly Criscoe in loving memory of his brother, Jarrod Criscoe.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Michael Mumme

Liturgists

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Children's Choir Director

Roxie Garza



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 13, 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

Come, let us celebrate
the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

For once we were lost and felt so far away;

now we have been found and welcomed home.

Know that God’s love is lavished upon you forever.

We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!

Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

Amen.

* **HYMN** 159 Lift High the Cross

OPENING PRAYER

How incredible is your love, O God!

We have been made new in your love
and reconciled to you and to each other
in peace and joy.

Be with us this day

as we hear your words of comfort and hope.

Guide our lives

that we may serve you more fully all of our days.

Amen.

ANTHEM

You Are the Hands

Lynn Shaw Bailey /

Becki Slagle Mayo

You are the hands that help me as I grow.

You are the eyes that watch me as I go.

You are the ears that hear me calling,

the arms when I am falling.

Because of you,

I know what love is meant to be.

Because of you,

I know that God loves me.

I love you higher than the mountains

and taller than the trees,

deeper than the canyons

and wider than the seas.

God will always walk beside me

to love and gently guide me.

O God, for all our days,

we will give to you our highest praise!

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

HYMN

You Are Mine

Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

You Are Mine

Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

See Insert

Mary Kennedy Madden

HYMN

You Are Mine

Stanza 4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God,

may we hear your word today

and be drawn closer to you and to others.

Set aside all that separates us from embracing you

and quiet our warring ways.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

New Testament, page 171

SERMON

Did Jesus Really Have To Die?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.