

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 150 God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar in honor of all FUMC's graduating members—high school, college, vocational schools, and/or professional schools.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Cathy Stone

Emily Tooker

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

SUNDAY PARKING

The church parking lot is reserved for mobility-impaired individuals. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking available on Sundays in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00-10:45 A.M.

ADULTS

Sunday School is the place where people learn about Christian faith in a loving, supportive environment. Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/sundayschool.

YOUTH

Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

For children ages 3 through 5th grade, we offer weekly guided Christian education, led by volunteer church members. Children are grouped by age and grade. Children's classes are located on the first floor of the Education Building. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

ONLINE GIVING

We offer two convenient ways to give online to support ministry at First United Methodist Church. (1) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving. (2) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.



May 27, 2018
11:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION

First United Methodist Church exists to build a community where all people are invited to know God's love and sent to join God in transforming the world.

OUR INVITATION

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.

OUR FAMILIES

We love children and encourage you to bring them to worship. Activity clipboards are available in the sanctuary foyer for their enjoyment. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is also available for children through age 5 in Rooms 102-104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LEARN MORE AT
www.fumcaustin.org

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 We Sing to You, O God

John Darwall

We sing to you, O God,
the Rock who gave us birth,
let our rejoicing sing your name
in all the earth.
To you, O God, let songs be raised,
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.
O God, eternal God,
we hide within your wings,
the everlasting arms to whom
our praises ring.
Your word is true, your way is just,
you are the God in whom we trust.

Gracia Grindal

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

What story is this we tell today?
This is the story of undying love.
It speaks of creation,
of a world made good.

Whose story is this we hear today?
This is the story of God,
who made the good world
and is remaking it before our eyes.

Why do we tell this story today?
God’s story is our story,
and in this story
we find our lives renewed.

Let us gather to worship God,
who is making all things new!

* HYMN 152 I Sing the Almighty Power of God

OPENING PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Theodore Fitzgerald Boyd
Knox Alexander and Nicholas Robert Boyd

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music
Arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
hither by thy help I’m come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Prone to wander Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I’m constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.

Robert Robinson

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:1-5, 1:24-2:4 *Old Testament, page 1*

HYMN 122 God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 122 God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale
Stanzas 3 and 6 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON Creation

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about United 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.

OFFERING The Apple Tree

Scottish Folk Tune

Arr. K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen,
laden with fruit and always green;
the trees of nature fruitless be
compared with Christ, the apple tree.
His beauty doth all things excel;
by faith I know, but ne’er can tell
the glory which I now can see
in Jesus Christ, the apple tree.
For happiness I long have sought,
and pleasure dearly I have bought;
I missed of all, but now I see
‘tis found in Christ, the apple tree.
I’m weary with my former toil,
here I will sit and rest awhile;
under the shadow I will be,
of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.
This fruit doth make my soul to thrive
it keeps my dying faith alive;
which makes my soul in haste to be
with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

Richard Hutchins