

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

617 I Come with Joy

128 He Leadeth Me

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. All gifts left on the rail will go to the Peace with Justice Offering. For more information, see the cover of the FUMC Weekly.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 369 Blessed Assurance

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Jack and Dana Wagner in celebration of their ninth wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Michael Mumme

Musicians: Michael Carrillo, *Cantor;* Evelyn Gullatt, *Violin;*
and Susannah Willms, *Piano*

Singers: Tony Garcia; Jan Morris; Linda Murdock; and
Tom Richardson

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.



June 3, 2018
9:00 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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship, all of you—
**outsiders and insiders,
old-timers and new-comers,
the young, the old, and the in-between.**
Come as you are,
for this is God's house—
**a house of prayer for all people,
and God welcomes each one who comes.**
Come, let us worship the Lord!

* **HYMN** Sing of the Lord's Goodness

See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Your words and your Word
come to us in many forms, O God.
We need them all.
Attune us to them now,
that we may see your vision
and hear your call.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Genesis 3:1-13

Old Testament, page 2

SERMON The Problem

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Creation,
we confess that we have taken what is good in your world
and bent it to match our selfish will.

We choose ourselves over others.
We turn a blind eye to injustice.
We take more than we need
and act as though we deserve it.
We long for change,
in ourselves and our world.
Forgive us, O God,
and give us a fresh start.
Give us the grace and courage
to choose a different path,
to live according to your will today, tomorrow,
and in all the days to come.

Silent prayers of confession.

In Christ,
God is not far from us, but near.
God hears our cries
and forgives our sin.
God makes new life possible,
for us and for all the world.
**Thanks be to God.
Amen.**

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 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 and bring it with you to class at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

OFFERING

The Whisper

Craig Courtney

In the deserts, in the wilderness of life,
I am searching for the One who searches me.
As I wander, hungry, thirsty, lost, alone,
I hear God's voice - I hear the whisper of my name.
Come to the table, your name is written on my hand.
Come to the table, your name is hidden in my heart.
Come to the table, and live.
At the table, he prepares for me a place.
He redeems me, I am pardoned by his grace.
He restores me with his rich and lavish love.
In his call, I hear the whisper of my name.

Susan Bentall Boersma

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise
God, all crea-tures 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

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.**