

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: 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

* **HYMN** To Us All, To Every Nation See Insert

* BENEDICTION

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed to celebrate the faithful ministry of Reverend John Wright, former Senior Pastor of FUMC, as he retires from full-time ministry with the Rio Texas Annual Conference.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Michael Mumme

Liturgist

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Soloist

Albert Garcia

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 24, 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.

Garcia Grindal

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

God calls us into the promised land,
a land flowing with milk and honey,
a community abundant in faith and love.
God delivers us from the deserts of life,
leading us to cross through streams of living water.
This day, in this place,
let service to God be your choice.
This day, in this place,
we open our hearts and spirits to God.
Blessed be the God of creation
who has called us here.
Praise be to God
who sustains and nurtures our lives.
Amen.

By Nancy Townley, adapted by Michael Mumme

*** HYMN** Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine

See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM House of Our God Zion

Sacred Harp
Arr. Alice Parker

House of our God, with cheerful anthems ring,
while all our lips and hearts his goodness sing,
with sacred joy his wondrous deeds proclaim,
let every tongue be vocal with his name;
the Lord is good, his mercy never ending.
His goodness in perpetual showers descending.
Zion, enriched with his distinguished grace,
blessed with the rays of thine Immanuel's face;
Zion, Jehovah's portion and delight,
graven on his hand, and hourly in his sight,
in sacred strains exalt that grace excelling,
which makes thine humble his chosen dwelling.

Lord, I approach thy mercy-seat,
where thou dost answer prayer;
there humbly fall beneath thy feet,
for none shall perish there.
Thy promise is my only plea, with this I venture nigh;
thou callest burdened souls to thee,
and such, O Lord, am I.
Bowed down beneath a load of sin,
by Satan sorely pressed,
by war without and fear within,
I come to thee for rest.
Be thou my shield, my hiding place;
that sheltered near thy side,
I may my fierce accuser face,
and tell him, thou hast died.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HYMN Wade in the Water

Sung seated as the children come forward.

Refrain
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a'gonna trouble the water.

See that band all dressed in red,
God's a'gonna trouble the water.
Looks like the band that Moses led,
God's a'gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN Wade in the Water

Sung seated as the children return to their seats.

Refrain
Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a'gonna trouble the water.

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
God's a'gonna trouble the water.
Just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a'gonna trouble the water.

Refrain

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Delivering God,
set our hearts free this day
to hear your Word speak to us through scripture.
May our hearing lead us to choose you
and serve you faithfully.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:1-25

Old Testament, page 210

SERMON Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hymn When Jesus Went to Egypt See Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

WEDDING BLESSING See Insert

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 during worship and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org. The next class is September 9 at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

OFFERING If With All Your Hearts (ELIJAH) Felix Mendelssohn

Ye people, rend your hearts,
rend your hearts, and not your garments
for your transgressions the prophet Elijah
hath sealed the heavens through the word of God.
I therefore say to ye, forsake your idols,
return to God for he is slow to anger,
and merciful, and kind, and gracious,
and repenteth him of the evil.
“If with all your hearts ye truly seek me,
ye shall ever surely find me.” Thus saith our God.
Oh! that I knew where I might find him,
that I might even come before his presence!