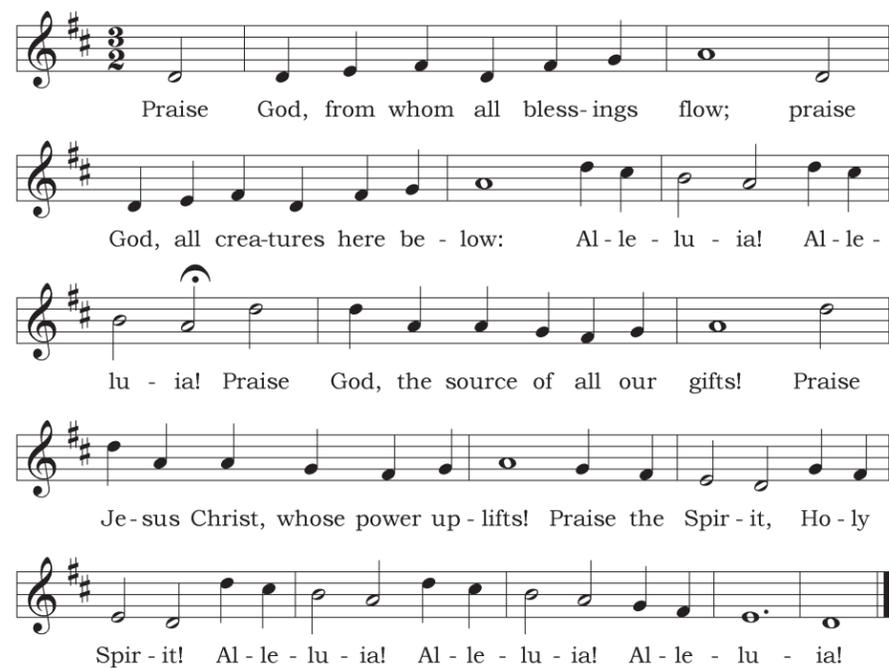


OFFERING And Can It Be that I Should Gain
(Words: Hymn 363) Charles Wesley /
Thomas Campbell

*** 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! Al-le-lu-ia!

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMISSIONING

*** BENEDICTION**

*** HYMN 610** We Know That Christ Is Raised

CLOSING MUSIC

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Curt and Debbie Shaw in honor of Rob and Leslie Ivey on their 19th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
Reverend Michael Mumme
Reverend Cathy Stone
Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis
Quartet
Chelsea DeLorenz
Audrey Harris
Brad Heckler
Michael Wolfe

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: (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.



JULY 22, 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 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Old 100th

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

William Kethe

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From the beginning of time and the ends of the Earth,
God reigns over us!

From our best moments to our worst,
God loves us!

From our first breath to eternity,
God invites us!

We gather once again to encounter God;
God meets us here!

Let us worship together.

* HYMN 159 Lift High the Cross

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

The Cross

Craig Courtney

The cross before me to lead,
the cross behind me to defend,
the cross below me to uphold,
the cross beside me to befriend,
the cross above me to inspire,
the cross within me to consume,
O cross surround me with your power,
enfold my life, my soul, my all.
The cross each morning when I rise,
the cross each evening while I sleep,
the cross I see before my eyes,
the cross upon my lips I speak;
the cross be all that I would hear,
the cross be all that I believe,
the cross be with me in this life,
the cross be with me when I leave.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God,
open your Word.
Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
that our eyes may be enlightened
and we may know the hope to which we have been called;
through Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 15:22-41

New Testament, page 51

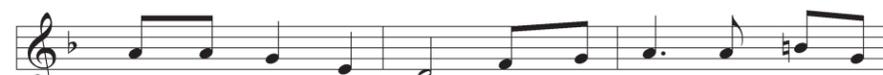
HYMN

Tree of Life

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



1. Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2. From the dawn - ing of cre - a - tion, you have
3. Gen - tle Je - sus, might - y Spir - it, come in -
4. Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born, though you die in all of
loved us as your own; stay with us through all temp -
flame our hearts a - new, may we all your joy in -
though our steps may be, one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn,
ta - tion, make us turn to you a - lone,
her - it if we bear the cross with you,
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea,



still you rise with ev - 'ry morn.
make us turn to you a - lone.
if we bear the cross with you.
we the riv - er you the sea.

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

Tree of Life

Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

The Cross

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trinitarian God,
the Kingdom of God is at hand – you proclaimed it, Jesus.
But, it often feels like it's a million miles away.
You demonstrated its grace and showed its power,
but the signs often appear faded or absent in our world.

We need your Kingdom to come, O God,
in all its fullness, in all its glory.
This waiting,
this “now and not yet” experience of your reign
is hard and frustrating.

And so we pray for your Kingdom
to be revealed in our lives,
turning our sickness and sin,
our brokenness and fear,
into friendship and compassion,
wholeness and joy.
May Your Kingdom come to us now.

We pray for your Kingdom
to be revealed in our neighborhoods,
turning our division and suspicion,
our judgement and our competition,
into fellowship and care,
compassion and service.
May Your Kingdom come to us now.

We pray for Your Kingdom
to be revealed in our world,
turning our war and our disparities,
our consumption and our self-interest,
into peace and collaboration,
stewardship and reverence.
May Your Kingdom come to us now.

Your Kingdom is here,
and it is coming, O God.
Make us faithful heralds of its message
and tireless practitioners of its ways.
For Jesus' sake.
Amen.

John van de Laar

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 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.