

## 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 August.  
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 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

### CLOSING MUSIC

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Sandy Wilder in celebration of the 87th birthday of her late mother, Louise Stollenwerk, and the 37th birthday of the IBM personal computer, both of which changed history.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgists*

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Olivia Greene

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

*Soloist*

Brad Heckler

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://fumcaustin.org/children).

## ONLINE GIVING

We offer two convenient ways to give online: (1) make an online donation at [fumcaustin.org/giving](http://fumcaustin.org/giving) and/or (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.



**AUGUST 12, 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](http://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

Where True Charity *Ubi Caritas*, plainsong, Mode VI  
and Love Dwell

Where true charity and love dwell, God is always there.  
Since the love of Christ has joined us in one body,  
let us all rejoice and be glad now and always.  
And as we hear and love our Lord, the living God,  
so let us in sincerity love all people.  
As we are all of one body, when we gather  
let no discord or enmity break our oneness.  
May all our petty jealousies and hatred cease  
that Christ the Lord may be with us through all our days.

9th cent. Latin; trans. Joyce MacDonald Glover

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are God's Church:

A church united across space and time.

**A church of many races, languages, and ethnicities.**

A church that lives by the work of God in Christ  
that was, is now, and is still to come.

**The one who is seated on the throne says to us:**

“See, I am making all things new!”

A new heaven and a new earth,

where the home of God is among God's people.

**God's future is epic, and it's good news.**

**Remember God's future, for this is our story!**

The Mennonite Church of Canada

### \* HYMN 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM

Marvelous Song

Tom Eggleston

Sing to the Lord a marvelous song,  
a wonderful, glorious, jubilant song!

O sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and holy arm  
have won salvation for all!

When singers make music to the Lord,  
his people proclaim his wondrous praise;  
for Christ brings new songs of life  
to all who call on his name!

Psalm 98, alt.

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Living God,**  
**help us so to hear your holy Word**  
**that we may truly understand;**  
**that, understanding, we may believe,**  
**and believing, we may follow**  
**in all faithfulness and obedience,**  
**seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-21

New Testament, page 223

### HYMN 572

Pass It On

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

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### HYMN 572

Pass It On

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

### SERMON

Living God's Story

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org). The next class is September 9 at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel.*

## OFFERING

Hope of the World

V. Earle Copes

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,  
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.  
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,  
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.  
Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,  
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,  
still let thy spirit unto us be given,  
to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.  
Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,  
showing to wandering souls the path of light,  
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways  
lure us away from thee to endless night.  
Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us  
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,  
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;  
take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.  
Hope of the world, O Christ over death victorious,  
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,  
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;  
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

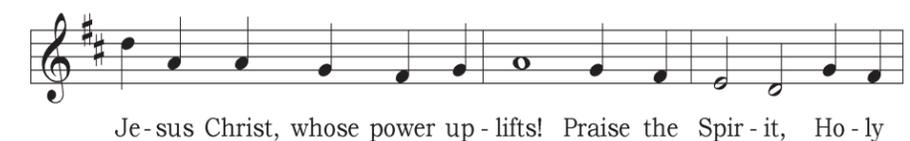
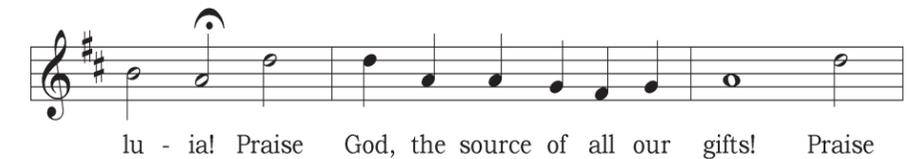
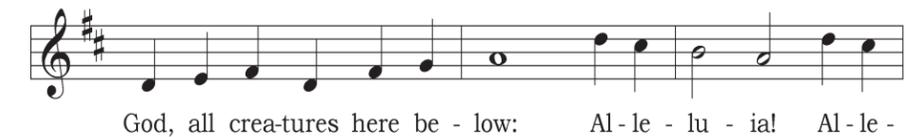
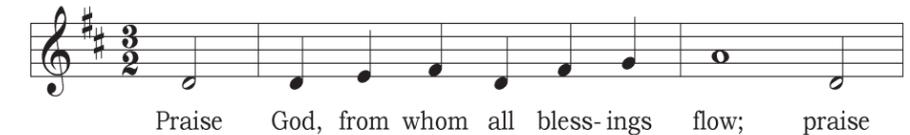
Georgia Harkness

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### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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



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