

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 Global Mission Fellows Program. For more information, see the FUMC Weekly.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN We Are Called

See Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Ken and Elizabeth Lerner in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Noble Doss

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: (1) make an online donation at 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.



SEPTEMBER 2, 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!"

Psalms 122:1

ENTERING THE HOLY

INTROIT God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us John Goss
(Words: Hymn 100)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

**God calls us to presence,
and abundance,
and grace in our struggle.**

Let us worship the God who believes in us,
trusts in us,
and abides with us.

**Let us worship the God who will ask much of us,
but who remains beside us every step of the way.**

Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

*** HYMN** We Cannot Measure How You Heal See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord,
open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 New Testament, page 67

THIS IS MY STORY

Ginger Harrod

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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 FLC Garrison Chapel.

OFFERING Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple
Arr. Martin Neary

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
Oh, master, grant, that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console.
To be understood as to understand.
To be loved as to love with all my soul.
Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Attributed St. Francis adapt. Sebastian Temple


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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!

Words: Thomas Ken; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, alt.

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesange; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** See Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

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 bread and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive gluten-free.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn All Who Hunger



1. All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly;
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers;
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er;



ho - ly man - na is our bread. Come from wil - der -
seek - er, be a wel - come guest. Come from rest - less -
Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li -



ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we
ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we
ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we



will be fed. You that yearn for days of full - ness,
keep the feast. We that once were lost and scat - tered
have been led. Blest are those who from this ta - ble



all a - round us is our food. Taste and see the
in com - mu - nion's love have stood. Taste and see the
live their lives in grat - i - tude. Taste and see the



grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Music: HOLY MANNA - William Moore