

## 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 September.  
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 Sing a New World Into Being See Insert

### CLOSING MUSIC

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

Happy birthday today to Margaret Cooper, Noble Doss, Jr. ,  
Emily George, Susan Hensley, and John McIntosh!

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgists*

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

*Handbells*

Michael Carrillo

## 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.



SEPTEMBER 9, 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

Morning Has Broken Gaelic Melody/Arr. Alec Wyton  
(Words: UMH 145)

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship!

**We will praise the One**

**who was, who is, and who is to come.**

Trust in the One

who holds your past, your present, and your future.

**Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love  
and calls us to do the same.**

Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us**

**to co-create justice for the oppressed,**

**and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

**We praise the Spirit that spans the ages.**

**Amen!**

Tim Graves

### \* HYMN

Praise With Joy the World's Creator

See Insert

### OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

Many gifts, one spirit,  
many songs, one voice.  
Many reasons, one promise,  
many questions, one choice.

O God, we pray for unity,  
give guidance from above.

In our differences unite us  
in the circle of your love.

O God remind us we are not alone.

Though we move on different pathways,  
we are walking to your throne.

Help us learn to love each other,  
show us ways to understand

we are members of one family,  
growing strong by joining hands.

Take our many ways of working,  
blend the colors of each soul

into the beauty of rainbow,  
give us life, Lord, make us whole.

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious Lord,

we come to the word with many questions.

Like the Pharisees,

we can be captivated by correctness,  
intent on right answers.

As we turn to your word,

do not let our desire for information  
dominate our need for transformation.

Let us hear the word

and be moved to greater faith and obedience.

Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:25-32

New Testament, page 183

### HYMN

Diverse In Culture, Nation, Race

*Sung seated*

*as the children come forward.*



1. Di - verse - in cul - ture, na - tion, race, we  
2. God, let us be a bridge of care con -  
3. When cha - sms wid - en, storms a - rise, O  
4. God, let us be a ta - ble spread with



come to - geth - er by your grace. God, let us be a  
nect - ing peo - ple ev - 'ry - where. Help us con - front all  
Ho - ly Spir - it, make us wise. Let our re - solve, like  
gifts of love and bro - ken bread, where all find wel - come,



meet - ing ground where hope and heal - ing love are found.  
fear and hate and lust for pow'r that sep - a - rate.  
steel, be strong to stand with those who suf - fer wrong.  
grace at - tends, and en - e - mies a - rise as friends.

Words: Ruth Duck

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Music: TALLIS CANON - Thomas Tallis

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### HYMN 369

Blessed Assurance

*Stanza 1 and refrain sung seated  
as the children return to their seats.*

### THIS IS MY STORY

Albert Garcia

### SERMON

## 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. The  
next class is today at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel.*

### OFFERING

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom

Arr. Christine D. Anderson

### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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



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 Kirchengesange; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams