

## OFFERING Fanfare “The Planets” (Jupiter)

Gustav Holst

Arr. Kevin McChesney

### \* 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!

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

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

### CLOSING MUSIC

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## 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 Texas Trial Lawyer’s Association 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 23, 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** Praise the Lord Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
with the Drums and Cymbals Arr. Scott Davis

**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** When the Morning Stars Together EISSE FLAGGEN  
Tochter Zion, Cologne

When the morning stars together  
their Creator’s glory sang,  
and the angel host all shouted  
till with joy the heavens rang,  
then your wisdom and your greatness  
their exultant music told,  
all the beauty and the splendor  
which your mighty works unfold.  
When in synagogue and temple  
voices raised the psalmists’ songs,  
offering the adoration which to you alone belongs,  
when the singers and the cymbals  
with the trumpet made accord,  
glory filled the house of worship,  
and all knew your presence, Lord.  
Lord, we bring our gift of music;  
touch our lips and fire our hearts,  
teach our minds and train our senses,  
fit us for these sacred arts.  
Then with skill and consecration  
we would serve you, Lord, and give  
all our powers to glorify you,  
and in serving fully live.

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**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**  
Sing a new song to the Lord!  
**Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!**  
Sing to the Lord; bless God’s name.  
**Each day proclaim the good news that God saves.**  
Publish God’s glorious deeds among the nations.  
**For great is the Lord and worthy of our praise!**

**\* HYMN** When Words Alone Cannot Express See Insert

## OPENING PRAYER

**ANTHEM** Come, Celebrate God’s Gift of Music Mark Patterson

Come, celebrate God’s gift of music.  
Come, sing a song of gladness to the Lord this day.  
One by one we join together  
singing a mighty chorus of praise.  
Praise God with singing. Praise God with dance.  
Bring every instrument to praise God’s holy name!  
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost, alleluia!

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Thomas Ken - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

## MUSIC MINISTRY MOMENT

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Draw us close, Holy Spirit,  
as the Scriptures are read  
and the Word is proclaimed.  
Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts,  
and let all other words slip away.  
May there be one voice we hear today—  
the voice of truth and grace.  
Amen.**

**SCRIPTURES** Jeremiah 9:23-24 Old Testament, page 673

Psalm 101:1 Old Testament, page 530

**ANTHEM** Fanfare for a Festival Ron Nelson

All praise, all praise! All praise to music!  
Heaven sent the voice that lifts all hearts  
in perfect melody,  
and leaves the soul fulfilled  
with joy and peace.  
All praise to music heaven sent in open song!  
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## SERMON

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

**ANTHEM** When In Our Music God is Glorified Charles Villiers Stanford  
(Words: Hymn 68) Arr. Scott Davis

### BLESSING AND COMMISSIONING OF MUSICIANS

We recognize those who have responded to the call of God  
to the ministry of music in our church.  
Singing, playing instruments, and directing ensembles  
are ministries of Christ among us.  
In grateful appreciation for the gifts of these ministries,  
we offer our loyal support and our prayers.

*To the musicians:*  
As leaders of music that lifts praise to God,  
do you joyfully and willingly offer  
your skills and training, devotion and sensitivity  
to this ministry?

**With God’s help, I do.**

Will you honor those with whom you make music,  
and in faithfulness to Christ,  
offer your best for the glory of God?  
**With God’s help, I will.**

May the faith expressed by your music live in your heart,  
and what you believe in your heart, practice in your life.  
And may God give you grace  
to offer your music and your life in faithfulness,  
now, and in the world to come.

*To the congregation:*  
As a congregation,  
will you support these persons  
with your encouragement and your prayers,  
as together we seek to call upon and praise God?  
**With God’s help, we will.**

**May God give us all grace  
to offer our music and our lives  
in faithful service, thanksgiving, and praise.**

### 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 November 4 at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel.*