

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 670 Go Forth for God

CLOSING MUSIC + + +

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Margery Anderson in loving memory of her mother, Sue Burks Anderson.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists
Reverend Michael Mumme
Reverend Cathy Stone
Kallie Pitcock

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 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.

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.



LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE

SEPTEMBER 30, 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 participate fully in the life of this church.

OUR MISSION

Justice. Working to eradicate injustice for the excluded and marginalized. *Bridge-Building.* Nurturing multigenerational friendships and community partnerships. *Storytelling.* Sharing our stories of faith and of growth. *Active Learning.* Pursuing knowledge and understanding of God. *Service.* Seeking mutually empowering service opportunities. *Constructive Disruption.* Disrupting systems of power to create positive change.

OUR FAMILIES

We love children in worship. Activity clipboards for children are available in the Sanctuary Foyer. 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 EDU Rooms 102-104.



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

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God,
you call us to hospitality;
to give as generously to others as you have given to us.

For there are angels among us.

Loving God,
you call us to give you glory
in the compassion we show to one another.

**To love without judgment,
of ourselves or of others.**

We gather as one Body,
seeking to walk in the way you have set for us.

**We gather as one Body,
to worship the one who is Love.**

* **HYMN** Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM O God, You Speak Your Beauty Howard Helvey
Every Hour

O God, you speak your beauty every hour,
from soaring peaks to valleys fed by springs.

In every living soul and fragrant flower
your handiwork is seen - creation sings!

As people in your image, we aspire and live
to mirror your creative fire.

O risen Christ, we seek to understand
the vastness of your wide-embracing love.

With mercy from your gentle, guiding hand
we move from depths below to heights above.

May we, with hearts uplifted by your grace,
extend your love to every land and race.

O Spirit, giving breath to all the earth,
we grow in faith and strength from your clear flame.

O Wind of Heaven, recalled at our rebirth,
the world awaits the unity we claim.

With zeal we strive, assisted by your might,
to fill the earth with everlasting Light.

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 6:1-13 New Testament, page 92

HYMN Five Barley Loaves See Insert
*Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated
as the children come forward.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN Five Barley Loaves See Insert
*Stanza 3, 4, and 5 sung seated
as the children return to their seats.*

SERMON Reframe Scarcity

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In our prayers, the Pastor calls and we respond together:
Generous God,
reveal the abundance all around us.

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

OFFERING

Abundant Life

Marty Haugen

We cannot own the sunlit sky,
the moon, the wildflowers growing,
for we are part of all that is
within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share
the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life
in every earthly nation.
When bodies shiver in the night
and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears,
and war-horns sound their warning.
God calls humanity to wake,
to join in common labor,
that all may have abundant life
in oneness with their neighbor.
God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear,
life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavor,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

Ruth Duck


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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!

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