

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.

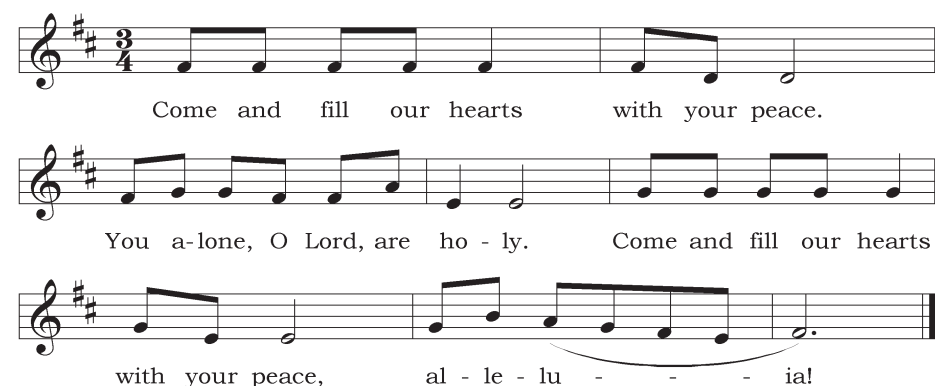
If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.

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

638 This Is the Feast of Victory

Hymn Come and Fill



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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 369 Blessed Assurance

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.

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 23, 2018

9:00 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

Siciliano

Johann Sebastian Bach

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Connections Card.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* 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

Sing of the Lord's Goodness

See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

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

Psalms 101:1

Old Testament, page 530

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

ANTHEM

A Joyful, Jubilant Song

Michael Barrett/David Angerman

Shout for joy! Make a jubilant noise,
singing blessed be the name of the Lord.

Let the earth lift its voice,

singing blessed be the name of the Lord.

For this is the day that the Lord has made.

I will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day that was made for praise!

I will rejoice, lift up my voice,

singing a jubilant song!

This is the day the Lord has made;

he calls the hours his own.

Let heaven rejoice, let earth be glad.

Let praise surround God's throne.

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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. The next class is November 4 at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel.

OFFERING Fanfare "The Planets" (Jupiter)

Gustav Holst

Arr. Kevin McChesney

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Refrain (first and last)



Now we of-fer you, our Fa-ther, with the bread and with the wine

(small notes - ending)



all our joys and all our sor-rows all our strug-gles and our time



1. As the fields of wheat now grow-ing will be-
2. Like the grape put in the cel-lar, there to
3. All your peo-ple who are yearn-ing for the



come a ho-ly sign, so shall we re-veal you,
change in-to the wine, all the poor on earth who
free-dom still a-head of-fer fruits of your cre-

(to stz. 2, 3)



Je-sus, that in us you now may shine.
suf-fer shed their sor-rows in this sign.
a-tion in these gifts of wine and bread.

Words: Misa Popular Nicaraguense, tr. Gerald Thorson

Music: TE OFRECEMOS - Nicaraguan folk tune, arr. by Vernon Hamburg

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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895