

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 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 World Communion Offering and Casa Marianella. For more information, see the FUMC Weekly.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn	All Are Welcome	See Insert
620	One Bread, One Body	
634	Now Let Us from This Table Rise	

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN God Whose Giving Knows No Ending See Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Tom Jackson in loving memory of his wife, Pam Jackson, and his son, Tom Jackson, Jr.

FOYER ALTAR CLOTH

The framed piece of altar cloth was used at the World Council of Churches 1975 General Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya. It is provided courtesy of the Estate of Annabel S. Hartman, Howard Hartman's mother.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme and Reverend Cathy Stone

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

OCTOBER 7, 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 VALUES

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.



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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

Jesus, We Want to Meet
(Words: Hymn 661)

A.T. Olajida Olude/
Arr. Mark Schweitzer

* CALL TO WORSHIP

From troubled times and difficult walks,
we come to the arms of Christ.
From separate journeys and diverse experiences,
we gather to worship as one.
As brothers and sisters in Christ,
we come to God, who welcomes us here.

* HYMN 584 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of justice, peace, and righteousness,
come into our midst this morning.

Wake us up,
open our eyes,
unplug our ears,
that we might hear
that we might see
that we might grieve
that we might dream
that we might follow the ways
of your extraordinary kingdom.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:19-24

New Testament, page 5

SERMON

The Main Thing

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Teacher of humility and grace,
you emptied yourself of divinity,
and came to live among us as a simple human being.

Forgive us, Holy One,
when we take pride in our accomplishments,
and look for applause and praise from those around us.

You walked among us healing and telling stories,
pouring out your life for the sake of those in need.

Forgive us, Gentle Servant,
when we guard our time and our money,
afraid that someone will take advantage of our good nature.

You ask us to do your work
and to be the living body of Christ
for the sake of a hurting, broken world.

Forgive us, Gracious God,
when we focus all our time and effort on what
will please ourselves.

(Silence for continued prayer.)

The Spirit of God works within us
and around us
and through us.

God gives us water when we are thirsty,
and rest when we are weary.

In the name of Christ,
we are forgiven.

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

Pueblo de Dios
(Sung in Spanish)

Basque Melody

People of God, people chosen, consecrated to our God,
now sing the wonders he has done.

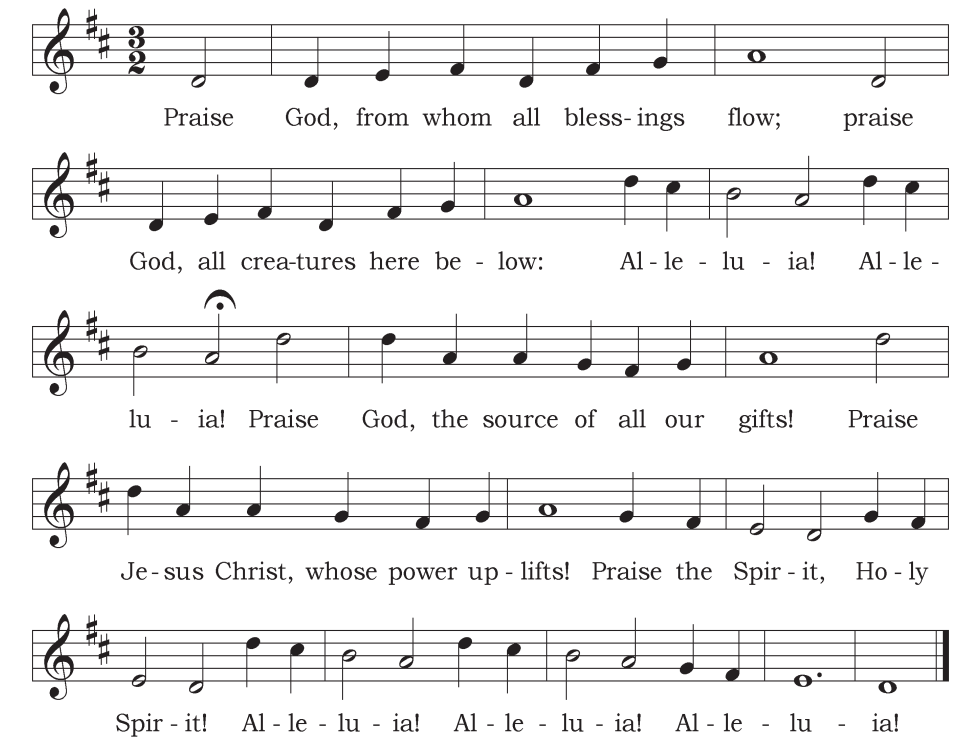
We glorify our God on high, celebrate his gracious love.
Alleluia!

It is the Lord,
he who proclaims his word and bids us come to him,
speaks to our souls and gives us life.

It is the Lord,
he who feeds his chosen ones on heavenly food,
pours out his life and makes us one.

Trans. Susan Abbott

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!
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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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

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.