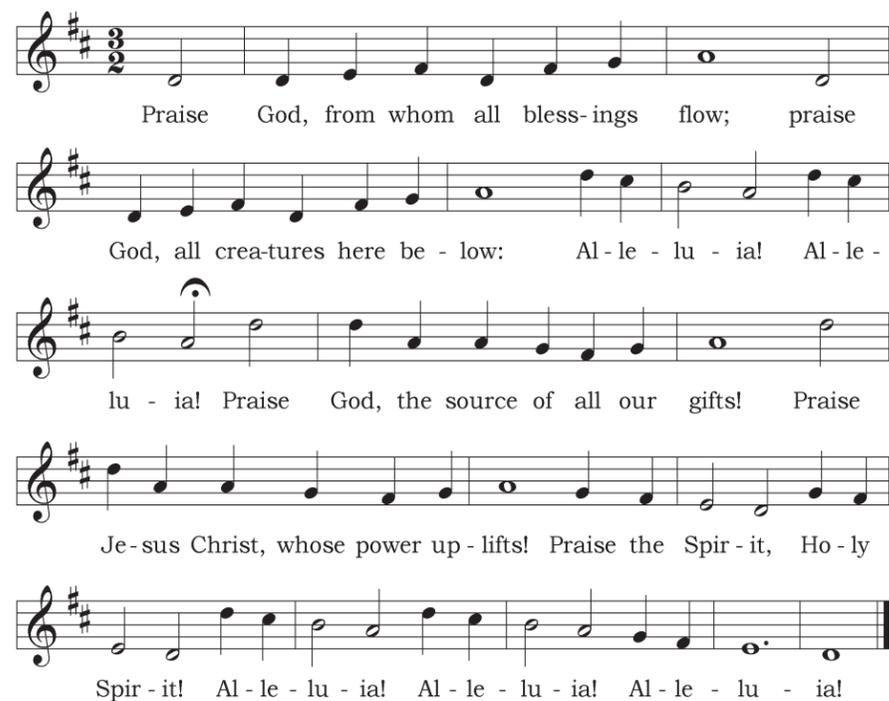


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
lu-ia! 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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GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN Bring Forth the Kingdom

See Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Kevin and Haley Rose in honor of their son, Ethan Holland Rose, on his birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Michael Mumme

Liturgist

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 21, 2018
11:00 a.m.

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

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 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

I Will Sing

Max Dyer

I will sing a song unto the Lord.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.
We will come as one before the Lord.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the seed-scattering station!
We thought this was the church!
What’s this “seed-scattering”?
We are called to be the place
where the loving, redeeming word of God is shared.
Oh! We need to hear about this love.
Open your hearts and lives, dear friends,
for God’s word for you.
Lord, make us ready to receive your word
and live into your healing presence.
Amen.

Nancy C. Townley

* HYMN

As Those of Old

See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT

World Communion Sunday and Casa Marianella

ANTHEM Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast Roy Henry Johnson

Almighty God, your word is cast
like seed upon the ground,
now let the dew of heaven descend
and righteous fruits abound.
Let not our selfishness and hate
this holy seed remove,
but give it root in every heart
to bring forth fruits of love.
Let not the world’s deceitful cares
the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold
the fruits of peace and joy.

John Cawood

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of Abundance,
you scatter your word, your message of love for all,
like seeds, ready to take root and bear fruit in our lives.
Open our hearts to be good soil
for the growth of your abundant life in our lives.
Help us to hear your word
and make it the habit of our lives.
For we celebrate this day abundant new life in you.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 8:4-8, 11-15 New Testament, page 63

HYMN 707 Hymn of Promise
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 707 Hymn of Promise
Stanzas 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON Set Your Habits

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our prayers, the Pastor calls and we respond together:
Hear our prayer, Lord,
for we belong to you.

THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

HYMN 604 Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the family comes forward.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Liam Atlas Irving

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

Come, Labor On

T. Tertius Noble

Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
“Go work today.”
Come, labor on.
The enemy is watching night and day,
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
while we in sleep our duty have forgot,
he slumbered not.
Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill
his righteous will.
Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share -
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear:
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.
Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till long shadows o’er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
“Servants, well done.”

Jane Laurie Borthwick