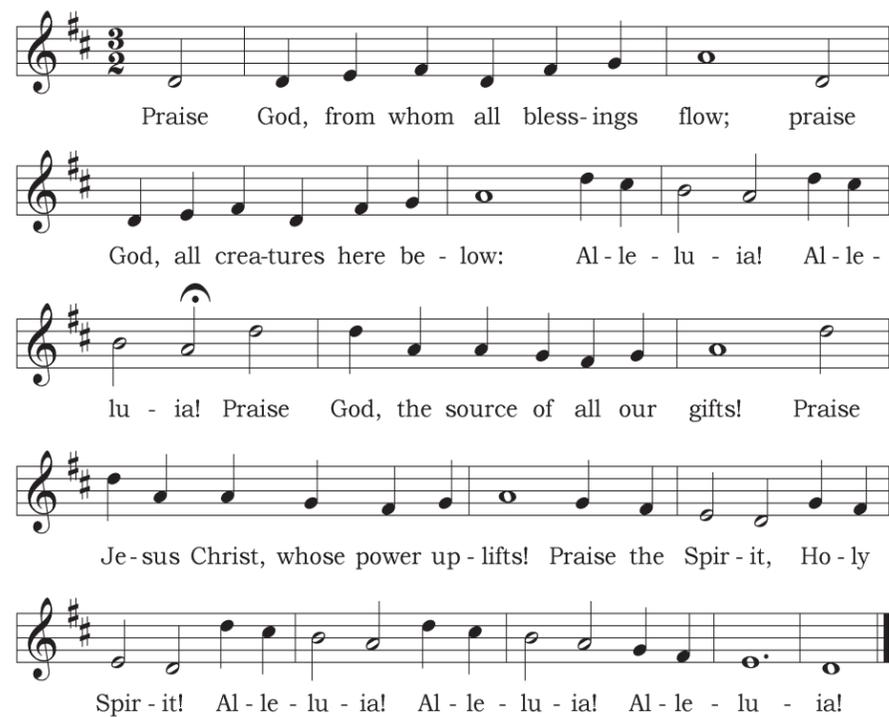


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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 Kirchengesange; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN We All Are One In Mission See Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Russell and Linda Deason in loving memory of his father, Delbert Deason.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Sally Watkins

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Duet

Chelsea DeLorenz and Mario Contreras

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 28, 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 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

SPANISH HYMN

Arr. Scott Davis

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!
Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Christian Henry Bateman

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Take heart!
For we are gathered in God's presence
to proclaim the wonders of the Lord.
Get up!
For we are beckoned by the Risen Son
to respond to grace undeserved.
God is calling us!
For we are united by the Spirit
to follow Jesus on the way.
Come, let us worship God today!

* **HYMN** Glorious Is Your Name, Most Holy

See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR MARRIAGE

Sarah and Emily Tooker

See Insert

ANTHEM

Praise Ye the Lord

César Franck

Alleluia!
O praise ye the Lord, praise God in his temple.
Praise ye the Lord in the firmament of his power.
O praise him for his might, and the greatness of his wonders:
O praise him according to his majesty.
Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
Praise the Lord with the lute and the harp.
Praise the Lord with the timbrel.
Praise the Lord with the dance.
O praise him with the organ and instruments of strings.
Praise him upon the loud cymbals.
Praise him on the high sounding cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Alleluia!

Psalm 150, alt.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Holy Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover peace;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

New Testament, page 173

HYMN Abundant Life

See Insert

Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN Abundant Life

Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON True Abundance

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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.

CONSECRATION OF PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS

Gracious and loving God,
giver of all that is good and true
and beautiful and life-giving,
**these cards represent our sweat,
they represent our lives,
they represent our dreams.**

The pledges which we make on them
are but tokens of the awesome gifts
that have been given to us,
and they are pledged in thanksgiving
for all we have received,
for all we have been inspired to be,
for all we are challenged to become,
in this place.

**May they be the first fruits of all we have
and not what we have left over,
so that we may live out as closely as possible
the way you give to us.**

**May we see them as our offering to you,
sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities.**

May we hold this image in our hearts and minds
so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table,
we can see our very selves being part of this offering,
it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you.

Amen.

HYMN 399 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

OFFERING Lord of All Good

Scott Davis

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;
use them your holy purpose to fulfill.
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be
that our whole life is offered to your will.
We give our minds to understand your ways;
hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design;
hearts with the flame of your own love ablaze:
thus for your glory all our powers combine.

What shall I offer unto the Lord
for all the benefits given to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.

We will pay our vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

God, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows;
to you with grateful hearts we give.

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