

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

Seed, Scattered and Sown See Insert
Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil See Insert

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

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
9:00 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.



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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* 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

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

SERMON

Set Your Habits

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.

OFFERING All Things Are Yours, My God

Carl Schalk

All things are yours, my God,

Creator of all that exists,

all wisdom, all beauty, and might.

You made me, you own me,

your glory surrounds me;

I live by your mercy and love.

All things are yours, and so am I.

All things are yours, my Lord,

Redeemer of all who have sinned,

new Master of all who repent.

You sought me, you found me,

you call me, you lead me;

now have me live only for you.

All things are yours, and so am I.

All things are yours, my Guide,

Renewer and Giver of life,

Transformer of hearts and of minds.

Renew, transform, inspire me, refine me,

and give me the spirit of Christ.

All things are yours, and so am I.

"All things are yours, my child:

so live like the heir that you are,

entrusted with all that you have.

Be faithful, be prudent, be daring, be caring,

as giving as I am toward you.

All things are yours, and you are mine."

Jaroslav J. Vajda

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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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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.