

## 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

618 Let Us Break Bread Together  
186 Alleluia (1. Only)

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

## 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

Liturgists: Reverend Michael Mumme and Meridith Albright

Piano: Susannah Willms

Violin: Evelyn Gullatt

Vocal Ensemble: Michael Carrillo, Jan Morris, Linda Murdock, and Rhett Perry

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://fumcaustin.org/children).

## ONLINE GIVING

We offer two convenient ways to give online: (1) make an online donation at [fumcaustin.org/giving](http://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  
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](http://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

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                      Abundant Life

See Insert

### OPENING PRAYER

## 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

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](mailto: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                      Give Thanks                      Henry Smith / Arr. Lloyd Larson

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given  
Jesus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"  
let the poor say, "I am rich,  
because of what the Lord has done for us."  
Give thanks!

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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.**