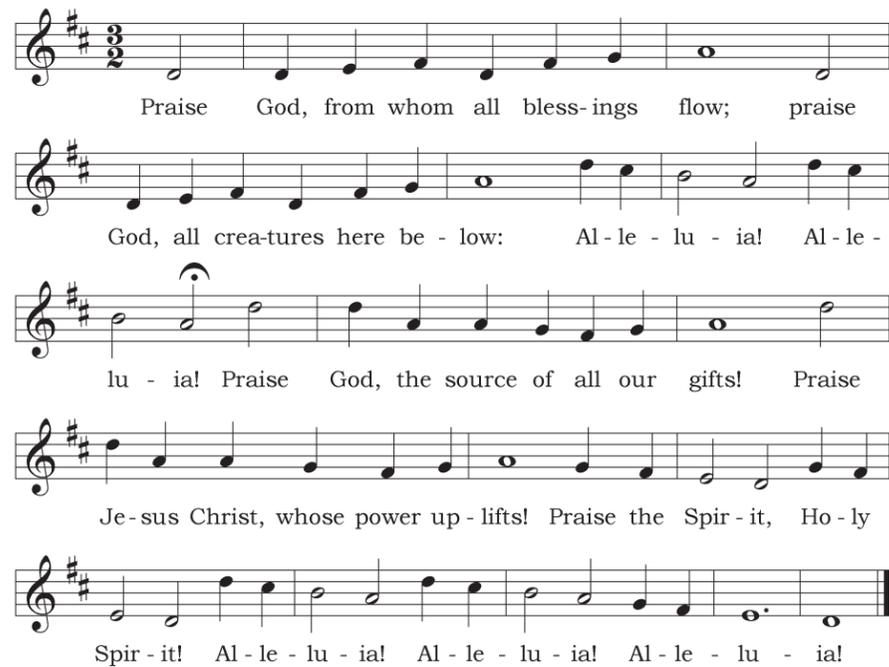


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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 uplifts! 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 Christ Has Broken Down the Wall See Folded Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by John and Fara McMullein in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary celebrated today.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Michael Mumme

Liturgists

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Associate Conductor

Mario Contreras

Soloist

Matthew McDaniel

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

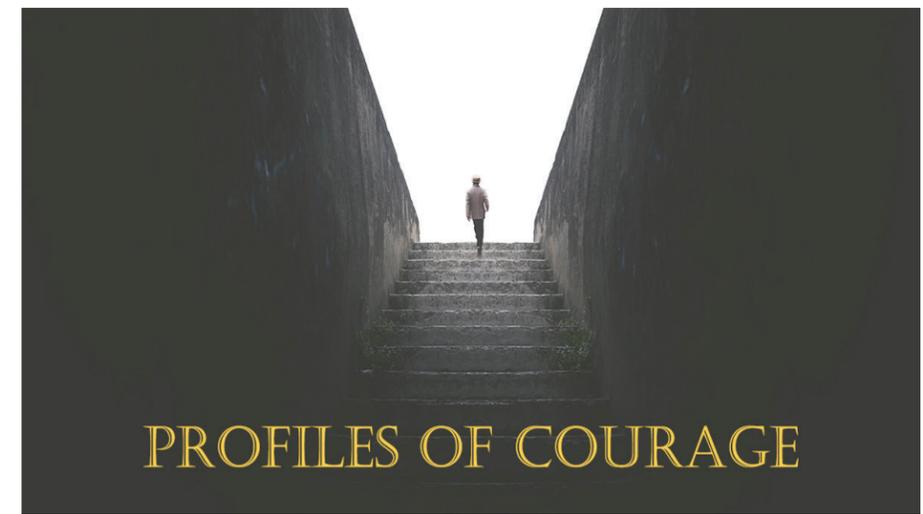
Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

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.



January 27, 2019
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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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 Allelu Mimi Farra

Come and bless,
come and praise the living God.
Allelu, alleluia, Jesus Christ.
Come and seek,
come and find the living God.
Come and hear,
come and know the living God.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, we are here!
We believe in your power to change us;
your creating power making relationships new,
your redeeming power saving us from despair,
your sustaining power giving us courage and strength.
Today, we sing and pray and listen together.
Open us to the power of your community.
Change our hearts, our lives, and our world.
Amen.

* **HYMN** In the Midst of New Dimensions See Folded Insert

OPENING PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM See Single Insert

Caleb Michael George

ANTHEM How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Lowry
Arr. Robert Wilks

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing?
What though the tempest 'round me roars,
I know the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing!
I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin,
I see the blue above it.
And day by day this pathway clears,
since first I learned to love it.
The peace of God restores my soul,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am loved;
how can I keep from singing.
The Mother God sustains my breath,
the Father God my spirit.
Abundance all around me lies;
receive, and strength come with it.
There is no moment but this one,
I use it now for giving.
How can I forfeit love for fear?
How can I keep from singing?

Robert Lowry and Robert Wilks

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HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God,
as the scripture is read and your word proclaimed,
give us the courage to act boldly in faith,
that our lives give witness to your love and welcome for all.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Esther 4:5-17 Old Testament, page 436

HYMN In Unity We Lift Our Song See Folded Insert
Stanza 1 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN In Unity We Lift Our Song See Folded Insert
Stanza 2 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON Profiles in Courage: Esther

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

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. The next class is Sunday, February 10, at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

OFFERING As the Lyre to the Singer Alfred Fedak

As the lyre to the singer,
as one's thought to spoken word,
as the rose to fragrant odor,
so to me is Christ the Lord.
As the mother to the baby,
as the traveler to his guide,
as the lake to streaming rainfall
stands the Savior by my side.
As the forest to the pine tree,
as its song is to the lark,
as the sky to soaring mountain,
as the candle in the dark,
as the meal is to the hungry,
as the water in the well,
as the lover is beloved,
in the love of Christ I dwell.
As the sun to gladdening dayspring,
as the oil is to the flame,
as the fish is to the water,
so to me is his dear name.
Bound to him and by him holden
as the flute and breath accord,
his for now, and his forever
is my soul to Christ the Lord.

Narayan Vaman Tilak; trans. from *The Marathi* by Nicol McNicol

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