

## 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 FreeStore Austin.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

583 Be Still, My Soul

Hymn Be Not afraid See Folded Insert

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

## 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 Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Michael Mumme

Cantor: Michael Carrillo

Piano: Susannah Willms

Violin: Evelyn Gullatt

Quartet: Jan Morris, Linda Murdock, Laura Richardson, and Tom Richardson

## 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.



January 27, 2019  
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

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

## 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

### SERMON

Profiles in Courage: Esther

## 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. 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](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org).

### OFFERING

The Prayer /  
Lead Us, Lord

Carole Bayer Sager / David Foster

Arr. Tom Fettke

We pray you'll be our eyes,  
and watch us where we go,  
and help us to be wise  
in times when we don't know.

Let this be our prayer,  
when we lose our way;  
lead us to a place,  
guide us with your grace,  
to a place where we'll be safe.

We pray we'll find your light,  
and hold it in our hearts,  
as darkness falls each night,  
remind us where you are.  
Let this be our prayer,  
when shadows fill our day;  
lead us to a place,  
guide us with your grace,  
give us faith so we'll be safe.

Lead us, Lord,  
lead us in your righteousness;  
make your way plain for us to see.

We pray we'll find your light,  
and hold it in our hearts,  
as darkness falls each night,  
remind us where you are.

Let this be our prayer,  
just like every child,  
needs to find a place.

Guide us with your grace.  
Give us faith so we'll be safe.

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### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
God, all creatures 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 Single 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.**