FUMC WELCOMES BISHOP HUIE NEXT SUNDAY

We welcome Bishop Janice Riggle Huie to preach in worship next Sunday, August 4.

Bishop Huie served as a Pastor throughout the former Southwest Texas Conference before being elected to the Episcopacy in 1996. Now retired from active ministry in the UMC, she serves with the Texas Methodist Foundation in the area of Leadership Formation, following 20 years as a bishop. Previously, she served as bishop of the Texas Annual Conference and the Arkansas Conference.

Plan to join us for worship next and be blessed by this gifted preacher and church leader.
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
and spoke to us through your prophets,
who looked for that day
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

FALL SERMON SERIES:

Do I really have to believe this stuff?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

This fall in worship we are asking the question “Do I really have to believe this stuff?” Each week we will take a look at a belief or aspect of Christianity that people struggle with. For instance, many Christians have trouble believing that Creation happened in six days or that there really is a hell.

What are the beliefs that you struggle with? Which claims leave you wondering? We need you to share those so we can craft a meaningful and helpful worship series for the fall.

Submit your feedback on this form or online at fumcaustin.org/believe and then join us for this series beginning August 18.
And so,

with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy are you,
and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.
He healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

On that night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took the bread,
gave thanks to you,
broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.”

When supper was over,
he took the cup,
gave thanks to you,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.”

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,
now and for ever.

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