**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

How can we thank you, O God?
For sun and moon and stars,
for breath and life and all things good,
for your steadfast promise and your faithful love,
for the day that is surely coming
when all things will be made new.
With saints, with angels, and with the whole creation,
we join the ancient and eternal hymn:

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Holy, holy, holy, Almighty, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blest is He who comes in your name. Christ our God to earth descend, our full homage now to claim.
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We give you thanks, Holy God, for Jesus,
who came to be your living Word,
to baptize us with Spirit and fire,
to feed the hungry,
to humble the mighty,
and to announce the good news
of your coming realm.

With thanksgiving, we remember how,
on the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took 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 the 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."

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**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA SALE**

ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8

Poinsettias on the communion rails, around the trees, in the foyers... a great way to celebrate someone you love or who is now in God’s hands.

Each plant is florist quality and great for replanting. The cost is $12, with proceeds benefitting our Christmas Offering for the FLC Kitchen. You may order poinsettias by turning in the form below, by contacting Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226), or online at fumcaustin.org/poinsettia.

Orders must be turned in by 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 8. Plants can be picked up after worship on Sunday, December 22, and Christmas Eve, December 24.

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Name of donor

Phone number (in case of questions)

Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)

The poinsettia is in memory of ______________________

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The poinsettia is in honor of ______________________

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Please be seated.
With thanks and praise we offer ourselves to you,
sharing this holy meal,
remembering Christ’s dying and rising,
and proclaiming the mystery of faith:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us—
this bread, this cup, these people—
Christ’s body and blood,
given in love for the world.
Make us one in the Spirit,
one in the church,
and one with Christ our Lord.
Make us gentle, joyful, thankful people,
serving our neighbors, worshiping you alone.
Keep us in the peace of Christ
until you gather us at your table in glory.
Even now, a voice is crying in the wilderness:
prepare the way of the Lord!
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty God,
now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men, as the light of
light de - scend - eth, that the powers of hell may
van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.

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