



ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AUSTIN, TEXAS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

WE ARE GATHERED AS THE CHURCH

OPENING MUSIC

ANDREA Hymn Tune

David Haas

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out an Online Connections Card at fumcaustin.org/attendance.

Response: I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Psalm 122:1

MUSICAL INTROIT

When We Are Living

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Across this wild world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

SOMOS DEL SENOR - Traditional Spanish melody

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Harmony and Piano Arrangement: Susannah Willms

CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our strength and our salvation.

Of whom shall we be afraid?

No rulers nor authorities, powers nor principalities
can overcome those who trust in God.

Let all who long for Justice come together!

In the community of God,
there are no hierarchies of dominance.

No one is left alone before their oppressor.

Love tends to every aching body.

All the temptations of evil are revealed as deceit.

Let the Spirit renew our courage
that we might live by this Holy Wisdom.

Praise be to God who leads us in the ways of Love.

OPENING HYMN

Christ for the World We Sing

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal; the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer; the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing, the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord; with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Words: Samuel Wolcott

Music: ITALIAN HYMN - Felice de Giardini

OPENING PRAYER

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, Word made flesh,

let us come to this word open to being surprised.

Silence our agendas;

banish our assumptions;

cast out our casual detachment.

Confound our expectations;

clear the cobwebs from our ears;

penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word.

We know that you can,

we pray that you will,

and we wait with great anticipation.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 14:1-12

Response:

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“But...”

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO PRAYER

There Is a Longing

Anne Quigley

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God
For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, please join in the following response:

Guide us in your ways, O Christ.

Give us hearts like yours.

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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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 learn more, email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

When the Poor Ones (Cuando El Pobre)

J. A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano

Arr. Susannah Willms

Cuando el pobre nada tiene y aun reparte,
cuando el hombre pasa sed y agua nos da,
cuando el debil a su hermano fortalece,
va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar,
va Dios mismo en nuestro mismo caminar,

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
then we know that God still goes that road with us,
then we know that God still goes that road with us.

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WE GO FORTH TO FOLLOW CHRIST

CLOSING HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.

Words: Fred Kaan

Music: John Hughes: CWM RHONDDA

Descant: Susannah Willms

BENEDICTION

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever he may send you;
may he guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm;
may he bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you;
may he bring you home rejoicing,
once again into our doors.**

Amen.

Shane Claiborne and Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove

CLOSING MUSIC

Laudate Dominum

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Bee Moorhead

Liturgist

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Cantors

Mario Contreras and Courtney Katzmeyer

Piano

Susannah Willms

Violin

Evelyn Gullatt

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