

OFFERING O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Mark A. Miller

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my god and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.
Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.
Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come,
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Mark A. Miller (with references to AZMON by Carl G. Gläser)

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound See Insert

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in honor of all who volunteer through our ministries of mercy and justice to ease the burdens of our unhoused neighbors and advocate for an end to hunger and homelessness.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Cathy Stone

Liturgist: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Scripture Reader: Judy Breckbill

FUMC Choir: Mario Contreras and Lewis Worthington

Organist: Michael De La Garza

Pianist: Susannah Willms

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 Lawyers Association garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets or at open meters around the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:45-10:45AM

CHILDREN

Sunday School for children ages three through 5th grade begins at 9:45AM. Preschoolers meet in EDU Room 102 while older children gather in Wesley Hall and then move to grade-level classrooms where they can be picked up at 10:45AM. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

10:00-10:45AM

YOUTH

Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. We gather for announcements and then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word through fellowship and study. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

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. Many classes are meeting in person and online. To find class contact information, visit fumcaustin.org/sundayschool.

GIVING

Cash or checks will be received during the offertory. We offer three convenient ways to give online: (1) through the FUMC App on your smart phone; (2) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving; and/or (3) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.



November 20, 2022
11:00AM

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 and other materials for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is available from 8:45AM-12:15PM for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 104.



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www.fumcaustin.org

GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Connections Card included in your bulletin.

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 Our Mother-Father God, Traditional Hebrew Melody
We Praise Your Prophets Strong

Our Mother-Father God,
we praise your prophets strong,
who, filled with deep devotion,
speak against all wrong.
Though often scoffed and scorned,
your prophets lead the way,
proclaiming truth, inspiring hope
through night and day.
Our Mother-Father God,
your prophets we will be,
in partnership to change the world
so all are free.

New visions we will speak;
new ventures we will dare;
we'll join with sisters and with brothers
everywhere.

Words: Jann Aldredge-Clanton

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Music: LEONI - Hebrew melody, Sacred Harmony; harm. from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship!
The Spirit of the Living God calls us to gather.
Together,
we will become seekers of justice.

Imagine,
God making the impossible through us.
Together,
we can en flesh the dreams of God.

A world without hunger,
without poverty,
without exploitation.

Together,
we can give up that which destroys
and choose that which sets free.

Let us worship the One
who transforms the world.

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* **HYMN** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT

Christmas Breakfast for Our Neighbors

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator God,
open our eyes to see you
and our ears to hear your word,
that we may share your justice and peace in the world.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:35-40 New Testament, page 27

* **HYMN** Come, Sister Brother Spirit See Insert
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated
as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* **HYMN** Come, Sister Brother Spirit See Insert
Stanza 3 sung seated
as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining First Church? 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. Lunch will be provided. The next class is Sunday, December 11, at 12:15PM in the FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate; go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps; or email Amy Wink at amy@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION