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SERMON ON THE MOUNT

LENTEN WORSHIP

What did Jesus care about most, and what did he want most for those who follow him? Every year we observe the holy season of Lent to prepare for the Easter celebration of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. This year during Lent, we're going back to the basics with Jesus by studying his most definitive teaching moment: The Sermon on the Mount. This season is a great time to better understand what Jesus actually taught, why he came, and what it means to follow him. Not conforming to the world's rules, traditions, or religious doctrine, Jesus' message was "unorthodox" at that time and still is today. Join us on Sundays, March 5 through April 9 as we explore this important passage of scripture.

CHURCH-WIDE STUDY



Then, take it a step further: join a Lenten small group or Sunday School class for our church-wide study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*. For more information about this study and Small Group dates, locations, and registration, see the back of this insert.

HOLY WEEK

APRIL 9, SUNDAY

Palm/Passion Sunday Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Services begin with the pageantry of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. All are given a palm to wave as we sing of how the people welcomed Jesus and then, we somberly walk with Jesus to the cross.

APRIL 9-16

Labyrinth
Murchison Chapel During Holy Week

A labyrinth has a single circuitous path that winds its way into the center, allowing a person to be quiet and focus internally, walking a path of prayer, while meditating. It consists of three phases of movement: (1) going into the labyrinth and letting go of all that keeps us from connecting with God; (2) arriving at the center of the labyrinth, which represents the state of union with God; and (3) then leaving the labyrinth and returning to the world in a new way, accompanied by God. Office hours are Monday-Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Thursday 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., and Sunday, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

APRIL 13, THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary

We celebrate the Holy Meal which Jesus began in the Upper Room on the night before his crucifixion. "Maundy" refers to the new commandment (novum mandatum in Latin) to "love one another," which Jesus gave to his disciples as he washed their feet during this meal (John 13:34). Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection are made present to us in this meal.

APRIL 14, FRIDAY

Good Friday Family Service
10:30 a.m. Wesley Hall

Families are invited to observe Good Friday together through prayer, singing, cross-making and story-telling. Parents will help their children learn and experience the passion stories leading up to Easter in age appropriate prayer stations, stories and activities. Afterwards, families may lunch together (b.y.o.) on the Capitol grounds.

Good Friday Services
12:10 and 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

On this day we go to the foot of the cross. Through scripture, prayer, passion hymns, we experience anew Christ's crucifixion. The light of the cross both exposes our sin and God's love for us.

APRIL 15, SUNDAY

Easter Egg Festival
9:30-11:00 a.m. Capitol Grounds

Join FUMC and the Easter Bunny for an Egg Hunt/Roll Picnic on the Capitol Grounds. Barbeque and hot dogs will be available for sale, with proceeds supporting our Eurasia Mission Team.

EASTER

APRIL 16, SUNDAY

Worship Services
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sanctuary

Today, amidst lilies and trumpets, we celebrate God's victory over the powers of sin, oppression, and death. This is the eighth day—the first day of God's new creation. We find new life and shout "Alleluia!"

Butterfly Release
10:00 a.m. Capitol Lawn

Enjoy the beauty of resurrection and new life as we release butterflies on the Capitol lawn.



CHURCH-WIDE STUDY

All are invited to join a Lenten small group or Sunday School class for our church-wide study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship*.

This landmark book is all about following Jesus, centered on his teaching in the "Sermon on the Mount." Published in 1937, Bonhoeffer's work offers a unique perspective from a Pastor, Theologian, Anti-Nazi dissident, and leader of a movement among German Christians to keep the Church from being co-opted by the Third Reich. *The Cost of Discipleship* is a classic, and Bonhoeffer's words have called upon Christians for generations to hear Jesus' call and follow only him.

This study runs for six weeks, always on the same day of the week and time. The last week is Holy Week. Groups are limited to 12 participants, so register now online at fumcaustin.org/smallgroups. Books can be purchased from the church office for \$10 prior to the start of the study. Address provided after registration.

SMALL GROUPS INFORMATION

CHURCH

Available to those living outside of Austin.

Childcare available with rsvp to childcare@fumcaustin.org.

Wednesdays, March 8-April 12, 12:00-1:30 p.m.

Host: Rev. Taylor Fuerst (Room 108, Education Building)

EAST AUSTIN

Sundays, March 5-April 9, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Host: Tim and Cindy Walter's Home (78723)

NORTH AUSTIN

Wednesdays, March 8-April 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Host: Chip and Jan Morris' Home (78759)

NORTHWEST AUSTIN

Wednesdays, March 8-April 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Host: Rev. Michael Mumme's Home (78731)

SOUTH AUSTIN

Wednesdays, March 8-April 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Host: Tim Deschner's Home (78745)

SOUTHWEST AUSTIN

Mondays, March 6-April 10, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Host: Burt and Lara Greene (78735)