

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining the church, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. To sign up, fill out the Communication Card during worship and place it in the offering plate. The next First Steps Class is Sunday, March 26, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

OFFERING How Beautiful Twila Paris / Arr. Lloyd Larson

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in March are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours
is the faith, the will, the thought; the
rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

* BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:

**God, our gracious Creator,
we give you thanks for the gift of life
to these who celebrate their birthdays in March.**

**Grant that they may make this new year in their lives
an offering that will enrich your world
and give you glory.**

**Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace
and strengthen their trust in your goodness
all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

COMMISSIONING OF PASTOR CATHY STONE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN Together We Serve

1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,
in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - rious feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.
We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,
ex - tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

Words and Music: Daniel Charles Damon - SAN ANSELMO

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CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

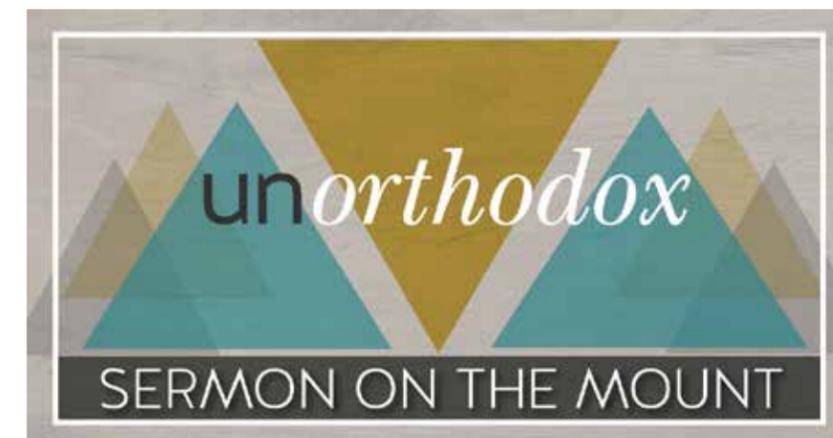
Sally Watkins

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Handbell Director

Shirley Derryberry



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 12, 2017
11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

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 attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church. For a description of our worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and at 6:30 a.m. on Thursdays, visit our website at fumcaustin.org.

FAMILY ROOM

For parents with infants and toddlers, our Family Room, located in the balcony, offers rockers, books, toys, and a comfortable place for diaper changes. Childcare provided by our well-trained childcare staff is also available in Room 103 and 104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

SUNDAY PARKING

For mobility-impaired individuals as well as those needing close-in parking, reserved handicap and accessible parking spaces are designated by signage along the wall of the Trial Lawyers' building. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking in the Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church.

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www.fumcaustin.org

GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

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

OPENING MUSIC

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Communication Card. During Lent you are invited to write prayers for new life for yourself, for others, for our world on the paper butterflies available in the pews. Place your Communication Card and butterflies in the offering plate.

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

Eternal Lord of Love

Martin Herbst/
William Henry Monk

Eternal Lord of love,
behold your Church walking once more
the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day,
by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:
far off yet here -
the goal of all desire.
So daily dying to the way of self,
so daily living to your way of love,
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:
so we are dead and live with you in God.

Thomas H. Cain

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—
outsiders and insiders,
old-timers and new-comers,
the young, the old, and the in-between.
Come as you are, for this is God’s house—
a house of prayer for all people.
God welcomes each one who comes.

* HYMN

Lord, Through These Forty Days
of Lenten Vigil

See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

O God of life, of all life and of each life,
we lay our lives before you.

We give our lives to you,
from whom nothing in us is hidden.

You are before us, God, you are behind;
You are around us, God, you are within.

O God of life,
you know the secret thoughts of every heart.

We bring the faith that is in us, and the doubt;
we bring the joy that is in us, and the sorrow.

O God of life,
you are in the light, and in the darkness.

We bring the knowledge that is in us, and the ignorance;
we bring the hope that is in us, and the despair.

O God of life, O generous Spirit,
renew us with your life,
today, tomorrow, and always.

Amen.

ANTHEM

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Ronald Turner

This little light of mine,
I’m going to let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel?
No! I’m going to let it shine.
My light reflects the love of Jesus
his love, his life so freely given.
A gift of love and light for my salvation;
Light of the world, now shine through me.
Wherever I may go,
I’m going to let it shine!

Additional text: Ronald Turner

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy
what you say to us today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:13-37

New Testament, page 4

HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

See Insert

Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

See Insert

Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

A Bright and Savory Community

RESPONDING IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God,
creator of the world and of all people;
and in Jesus Christ,
incarnate among us,
who died and rose again;
and in the Holy Spirit,
present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe;

God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God’s kingdom:
in the upholding of human dignity and community;
in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;
in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;
in the abundance of God’s gifts
entrusted to us that all may have enough;
in all responsible use of the earth’s resources.

Glory be to God onhigh;
and on earth, peace.

We confess our sin, individual and collective,
by silence or action:
through the violation of human dignity
based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith;
through the exploitation of people
because of greed and indifference;
through the misuse of power
in personal, communal, national, and international life;
through the search for security
by those military and economic forces
that threaten human existence;
through the abuse of technology
which endangers the earth and all life upon it.

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy.

We commit ourselves individually
and as a community to the way of Christ:
to take up the cross;
to seek abundant life for all humanity;
to struggle for peace with justice and freedom;
to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love,
praying that God’s kingdom may come.

Thy kingdom come
on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.

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