



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 23, 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 www.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. This will allow our church parking lot to be used by visitors and those needing access to the handicap entrance and elevator on the north side of the Education Building.

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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.

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

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS / Michael Praetorius

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Spirit, we raise.

Latin, 5th cent.; Hymnal 1940

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We have not seen the risen Christ,
**but we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,
**but we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

We have not touched the wounds from the cross,
**but we have been called
to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

Thom Schuman

* HYMN 311

Now the Green Blade Riseth

OPENING PRAYER

Living God,

**you appeared to your disciples in their hour of fear,
and offered them your peace to still their hearts.**

**May we open our arms
to be living hope in the world today,
bringing peace to those living in fear.**

**Give us courage to be bold in what we believe;
may we hold firm to your promise of life and hope,
and strive for a new world,
free from poverty, injustice, and conflict.**

Amen.

ANTHEM

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth (*MESSIAH*)
Bona Coogle

George Frideric Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep.

Job 19:25; I Corinthians 15:25

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

***THE ALLELUIA**

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Music: VICTORY - Giovanni P. da Palestina; arr. by W. H. Monk

*** SCRIPTURE READING**

John 20:19-31

New Testament, Page 110

HYMN

O Blessed Spring

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

1. O bless - ed spring, _____ where Word and sign _____ em - brace us
 2. Through sum - mer heat _____ and youth - ful years, _____ un - cer - tain
 3. When au - tumn cools _____ and youth is cold, _____ when limbs their
 4. Christ, ho - ly Vine, _____ Christ, liv - ing Tree, _____ be praised for

in - - - to Christ the Vine: _____ here Christ en - joins _____ each one to
 faith, _____ re - bel - lious tears, _____ sus - tained by Christ's _____ in - fus - ing
 heav - - - y har - vest hold, _____ then through us warm, _____ the Christ will
 this _____ blest mys - ter - y: _____ that Word and wa - - - ter this re -

be _____ a branch of this _____ life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, _____ the boughs will shout _____ for joy a - gain.
 move _____ with gifts of beau - - - ty, wis - dom, love.
 vive _____ and join us to _____ your Tree of Life.

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TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

O Blessed Spring
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung, seated, as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

In Order to Believe

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, June 4, at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

RESPONDING IN FAITH

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT: THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Introduction

The Baptismal Covenant is God's word to us,
expressing the gift of God's grace to us,
and our word to God,
acknowledging this gift
and committing ourselves to live out of it.

As such, baptism is the sacrament of discipleship,
marking the birth of a disciple at whatever age
and the entrance of that disciple into the Church of Jesus Christ,
the covenant community that bears witness to God's grace.

Because God reaches out to us before we reach out to God,
the baptism of the children of committed believers
is both a powerful expression of God's prevenient grace
and the anticipation of their growth into mature disciples
under the guidance of their parents and their church family.

The act by which those baptized as infants or children
respond to God's grace for themselves is called confirmation.

In confirmation,
they confirm God's "yes" to them in baptism
with their responding "yes" to God.

In confirmation,
they profess their faith in Christ openly,
commit themselves to be responsible disciples,
and are recognized as adult members of the church.

*** Hymn**

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

During the singing of the hymn, the confirmands, their parents, and their Faith Friends come forward to stand before the congregation.

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

Words: Anonymous

Music: ASSAM, 1623 - arr. by Eugene Thomas

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Presentation of the Confirmands and Faith Friends

The confirmands are presented by Doise Miers.

Confirmands:

Hart Black

Abby Buchanan

Kaleigh Cousins

Cade Dulaney

Caroline Greene

Peyton Ivey

Ryan Schuelke

Tom Strandwitz

(Sami Sikujuwa, Thomas Waggoner, and Josephine Wilson will be confirmed at a later date.)

Faith Friends:

Mark Hamre

Doise Miers

Lisa Owens

Mark Steves

Confirmation Leaders:
Pastor Taylor Fuerst
Doise Miers
Pastor Michael Mumme
Pastor Cathy Stone

Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith, Hymnal pages 34-35

Confirmation and Reception into Professing Membership in Christ's Church, Hymnal page 37
Reverend Taylor Fuerst marks each confirmand with water in the sign of the cross on his or her forehead with these words:

Name,
remember that long ago in your baptism
God claimed you as God's beloved child
and has brought you to this moment of accepting
God's grace for yourself.

Amen.

The leaders and family members place their hands upon the confirmand's head as a physical sign that the Holy Spirit is being invoked upon the confirmand, and Reverend Cathy Stone says:

Name,
the Holy Spirit work within you,
that having been born of water and the Spirit,
you may be confirmed to live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ
all the days of your life.

Amen.

Reverend Michael Mumme presents each confirmand with a cross as a gift from the church, placing it upon each with these words:

Name, accept and wear this cross as the sign
that you are a committed disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Reception into The United Methodist Church, Hymnal page 38

Reception into This Congregation, Hymnal page 38

Commendation and Welcome, spoken by the congregation, Hymnal page 38

OFFERING

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard: Alleluia!
The Lord hath delivered his people: Alleluia!
O be joyful in God, all ye lands;
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious!

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le -



lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up -



lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

COMMISSIONING OF REVEREND MICHAEL MUMME

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

The Summons

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CLOSING MUSIC

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Mack Hicks and Julie Nelson in celebration of their 16th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Cathy Stone

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Acolytes and Liturgists

Members of the Confirmation Class

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

THE SUMMONS



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my



name? _____ Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 name? _____ Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 name? _____ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 name? _____ Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 name. _____ Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er



be the same? _____ Will you let my love be shown, _____
 be the same? _____ Will you risk the hos - tile stare _____
 be the same? _____ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, _____
 be the same? _____ Will you use the faith you've found _____
 be the same. _____ In your com - pa - ny I'll go _____



— will you let my name be known, _____ will you let my
 — should your life at - tract or scare? _____ Will you let me
 — and do such as this un - seen, _____ and ad - mit to
 — to re - shape the world a - round, _____ through my sight and
 — where your love and foot - steps show. _____ Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in me? _____
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me? _____
 what I mean in you and you in me? _____
 touch and sound in you and you in me? _____
 live and grow in you and you in me. _____

Words: John Bell

Music: KELVINGROVE; arr. by John Bell

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