

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN Lord, Through These Forty Days See Back Panel

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar by Ed Berger in honor of Jan Berger's birthday on February 23.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Bert Garcia

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Soloist

Jaimie Lowe

LORD, THROUGH THESE FORTY DAYS

1. Lord, through these for - ty days of Lent - en vig - il,
 2. Teach us to wait up - on your sure di - rec - tion,
 3. Help us to walk the ser - vant's way with Je - sus,
 help us to see the price of all our sin.
 as Je - sus al - ways leaned up - on your word.
 to see past self, to care for oth - er's need.
 Teach us how prayer makes strong a faith that's frag - ile;
 Help us sub - mit our wills to your cor - rec - tion,
 Help us put down the world - ly things that please us,
 help us con - front our sin - ful - ness with - in.
 that in each wil - der - ness your will is heard.
 to reach the out - casts with a kind - ly deed.
 Show us the cross that Je - sus bore to save us,
 Then may the cross of Christ still win af - fec - tion
 Then may the mean - ing of Christ's pas - sion seize us,
 then change our hearts, and let that change be - gin!
 from all in whom the love of God has stirred.
 lead - ing to res - ur - rec - tion hope in - deed!

Words: Stephen Hassmer

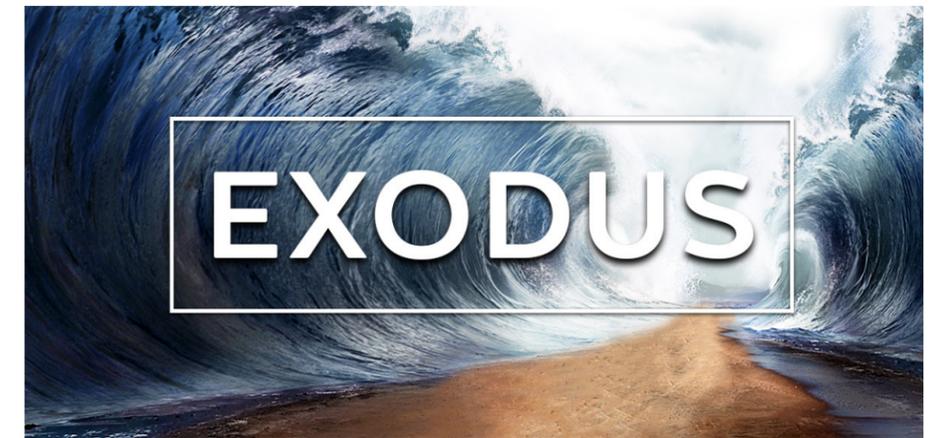
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Music: FINLANDIA



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
February 18, 2018
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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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 Connections 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 Connections 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, Old 124th
 Behold Your Church Arr. Charles Winfred Douglas

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

Lent calls us to journey, this and every day,
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey:
to the place where God covenants with us,
to receive the new names we are given.**

Lent calls us to worship together,
to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice,
to bring God’s hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,
to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls us to take up our cross,
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God, who walks with us,
this and every day.**

* **HYMN** 529 How Firm a Foundation

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM Nobody Knows Traditional Spiritual
 the Trouble I’ve Seen Arr. H. T. Burleigh

Nobody knows the trouble I’ve seen,
nobody knows but Jesus.
Sometimes I’m up, sometimes I’m down,
Oh yes, Lord!
Sometimes I’m almost to the ground.
If you get there before I do,
Oh yes, Lord!
Tell all my friends I’m coming too,
Oh yes, Lord!

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of Courage,
be in our speaking.
Be also in our listening,
and speak to our souls’ deep understanding.
In Christ’s name we pray.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE Exodus 1:8-14 Old Testament, page 47

HYMN Nothing Can Trouble
Sung twice, seated, as the children come forward.

Two staves of musical notation in treble clef, common time. The first staff has a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The second staff has a second ending bracket over the final two measures. The lyrics are: Noth-ing can trou-ble, noth-ing can fright-en. Those who seek God shall nev-er go want-ing. God a-lone fills us.

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Music: Jacques Berthier

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN Nothing Can Trouble
Sung twice, seated, as the children return to their seats.

SERMON Who Needs Freedom?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, 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 Connections Card during worship and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org. The next class is April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

As we pray, please join in the following response:

God of the Exodus,
lead your people to Freedom.

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.**

OFFERING Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God Michael Bedford

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
O cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalm 51: 10-12