



EASTER LILY SALE
ORDER DEADLINE:
MARCH 22

The lily is a flower that comes from a bulb. It seemingly dies away, then returns with new life each year.

FUMC members and friends are invited to place lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday to the glory of God and in honor of or in memory of loved ones.

The cost is \$11 each. Plants are florist quality and great for replanting. You may order lilies online at fumcaustin.org/lily, by turning in the form below, or by contacting Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

Orders must be received in by 12:00 noon on Thursday, March 22. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Easter Sunday.

Name of donor _____

Phone number (in case of questions) _____

Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC) _____

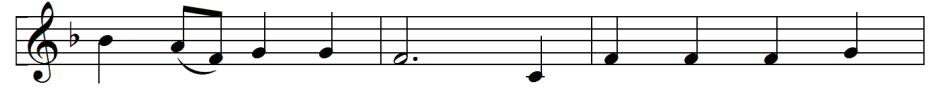
The lily is in memory of _____

The lily is in honor of _____

BLESSED BE THE GOD OF ISRAEL



1. Bless'd be the God of Is - ra - el who
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the
3. My child, as proph - et of the Lord you



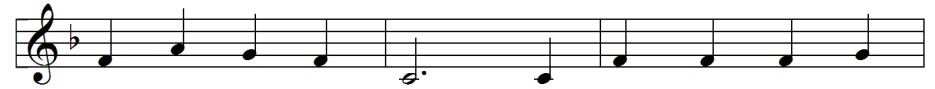
comes to set us free and rais - es up new
cov - e - nant re - call, the oath once sworn to
will pre - pare the way, to tell God's peo - ple



hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
A - bra - ham, from foes to save us all; that
they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then



have the proph - ets long de - clared that
we might wor - ship with - out fear and
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine



with a might - y arm God would turn back our
of - fer lives of praise, in ho - li - ness and
forth and nev - er cease to drive a - way the



en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.
righ - teous - ness to serve God all our days.
gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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Music: FOREST GREEN - English folk tune; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING



1. My life flows on in end-less song, a -
2. Through all the tumult and the strife, I
3. What though my joys and comforts die? I
4. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a



bove earth's lamentation. I hear the clear, though
hear that music ring-ing. It finds an ech-o
know my Sav-ior liv-eth. What though the dark-ness
foun-tain ev-er spring-ing! All things are mine since



far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.
in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv-eth.
I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while

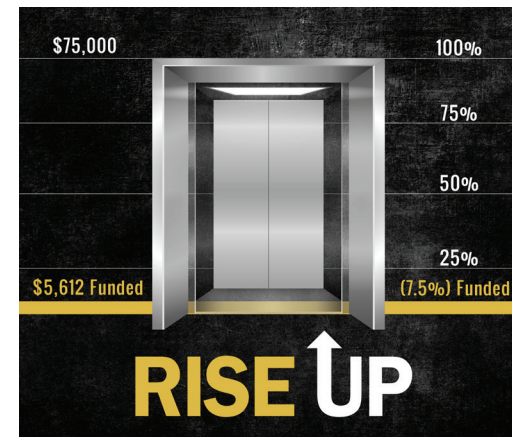


to that Rock I'm cling-ing. Since love is Lord of



heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Words and Music: Robert Lowry, *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*



This Easter, I have one invitation for you: **Rise up!**

It's a resurrection invitation—an invitation from Christ to rise from the grave with Him into new life...but this year, I mean it literally! This Easter, I invite you to “Rise Up” by giving to our Easter Offering that will support a major renovation to our Sanctuary Elevator.

For years, our elevator has been increasingly unreliable; we have regularly heard the cries of those stuck on their way to and from worship. Soon, our elevator will not be usable **at all** unless we overhaul its control system and the other components that rely on that system.

I believe this project is an essential component of our witness. Our building can be inaccessible for those experiencing temporary or long-term disabilities. In this way, the elevator is essential to our mission to invite **all people** to know the love of God.

This is a major commitment, with a **price tag of \$75,000**. We will need more significant gifts than we usually receive for our Easter Offering in order to fully fund this project—multiple gifts of \$10,000 and \$5,000, beyond our pledged giving. **I have confidence that we can do this!** If we exceed our goal, we will shout “Praise the Lord!” and then direct any excess funds toward increasing accessibility at FUMC.

So, First Church, will you “Rise up” to the challenge? Together we will ensure that all people can continue to join us in worship to celebrate the God who has raised all of us to new life. To give your gift, simply place the envelope available in the pews in the offering plate or return to the church office. You can also give online at fumcaustin.org/riseup. If you have questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us.

With gratitude for each of you,
Pastor Taylor and Curt Shaw, *Chair of Trustees*