



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](http://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*



**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](http://fumcaustin.org/lily), by turning in the form below, or by contacting Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto: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.

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Name of donor

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Phone number (in case of questions)

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Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)

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The lily is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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