

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated as the children come forward.

SERMON Do I Have to Believe
What Other Christians Believe?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

OFFERING The Planets Gustav Holst
(Jupiter - Andante Maestoso)

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise



God, all crea - tures 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!

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 April.
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

* BENEDICTION

* **HYMN 304** Easter People, Raise Your Voices

CLOSING MUSIC

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the altar in celebration of the marriage of Peter Hanneman and Erin Murchison.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Michael Mumme

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Handbell Director

Shirley Derryberry

WORSHIP MUSIC

We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight

Words and Music: SOMLANDELA - Trad. Zulu; arr. by Dean McIntyre

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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



I have a question...

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 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.

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

Christ Is Alive

TRURO

Psalmodia Evangelica

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring with joy,
with justice, love, and praise.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day to walk in the light.
This is the day to share signs of peace.
This is the day to believe where we have not seen.
This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.
Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

* **HYMN** 702 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

OPENING PRAYER

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Taylor and Melanie Rush

Taylor and Melanie,
as members of the family of First United Methodist Church
and participants in our shared ministry,
we celebrate that you united in marriage on April 7,
through the sharing of vows and exchange of rings
before a gathered congregation.
We celebrate the love you share for God,
the life you share together,
and the witness that your covenant relationship
will be to all those around you.

Though we grieve that you are unable to wed
in your own Sanctuary,
by the authority of your own pastors,
we claim with hope that God’s blessing knows no limits.
We come today with joy to pray God’s richest blessings
on your life together.

Let us pray:
Most gracious God,
we give you thanks for your tender love
in making us a covenant people
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Send your blessing upon Taylor and Melanie,
that they may keep their marriage covenant,
and continue to grow in love and godliness together.

**Grant that their love for each other
may reflect the love of Christ for us
and grow from strength to strength
as they faithfully serve you in the world.**

Defend them from every enemy.
Lead them into all peace.

Let their love for each other
be a seal upon their hearts,
a mantle about their shoulders,
and a crown upon their heads.

**Bless them in their work and in their companionship;
in their sleeping and in their waking;
in their joys and in their sorrows;
in their lives and in their deaths.**

Fill them and us with grace and strength
to be witnesses of your unending love
for all of your beloved children.

**Watch over them in the coming years,
and bring them to the feast of eternal life.**

All this we ask through Christ our Lord,
who taught us to pray, saying...

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.

ANTHEM Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise!

Robert Williams

Arr., Dan Forrest

If God be for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his only Son,
but gave him up for all,
shall he not with him freely give us all things?
Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!
There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ has conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

Romans 8:31-32

Charles Wesley

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God of all who doubt and believe,
by the gift of your Spirit
enable us to hear with our ears,
to see with our eyes,
and to touch with our hands
your Word of life—Jesus Christ—
our Lord and our God.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

New Testament, page 110

1 Corinthians 13:8-13

New Testament, page 165

HYMN

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



1. We walk by faith and not by sight; no
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4. That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words we hear from Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.