

## 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

#### Musicians

Michael Carrillo, *Cantor*

Evelyn Gullatt, *Violin*

Susannah Willms, *Piano*

## WITHOUT SEEING YOU

### Refrain

With - out see - ing you, we love you; with - out  
touch - ing you, we em - brace; with - out know - ing you, we  
fol - low; with - out see - ing you, we be - lieve.

### Verses

1. We re - turn to you deep with - in, leave the  
2. The spar - row will find a home, near to  
3. For ev - er we sing to you of your  
4. For you are our shep - herd, there is

past to the dust; turn to you with tears and  
you, O God; how hap - py, we who  
good - ness, O God; pro - claim - ing to  
noth - ing that we need; in green pas - tures we will  
fast - ing; you are read - y to for - give.  
dwell with you, for - ev - er in your house.  
all the world of your faith - ful - ness and love.  
find our rest, near the wat - ers of peace.

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**I have a question...**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 8, 2018  
9:00 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](http://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.*

## ENTERING THE HOLY

### \* 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

## 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

**SERMON** Do I Have to Believe  
What Other Christians Believe?

## 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](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org). The next class is April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in Garrison Chapel of the Family Life Center.*

**OFFERING** My Shepherd Will Supply My Need **RESIGNATION**  
(from Southern Harmony) Arr. Craig Duncan

### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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!

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

## FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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## 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.**

### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

*We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.*

*If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.*

*Gluten-free wafers and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive a wafer.*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

Hymn Without Seeing You See Back Panel

630 Become to Us the Living Bread

### COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

*It is a United Methodist custom to receive a freewill love offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. Today, all gifts left on the rail will support a renovation of our sanctuary elevator and other accessibility improvements.*

### PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING