

## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

### 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 February.**  
**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 111**      How Can We Name a Love

### CLOSING MUSIC

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Bob and Nancy Leeper in honor of their son, Andrew, on his 43rd birthday.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgist*

Reverend Michael Mumme

*Cantor*

Michael Carrillo

*Piano*

Susannah Willms

*Violin*

Evelyn Gullatt

*Handbell Director*

Shirley Derryberry

## SUNDAY PARKING

The church parking lot is reserved for mobility-impaired individuals. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking available on Sundays in the Texas Trial Lawyer's Association garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00-10:45 A.M.

### ADULTS

Sunday School is the place where people learn about Christian faith in a loving, supportive environment. Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/sundayschool](http://fumcaustin.org/sundayschool).

### YOUTH

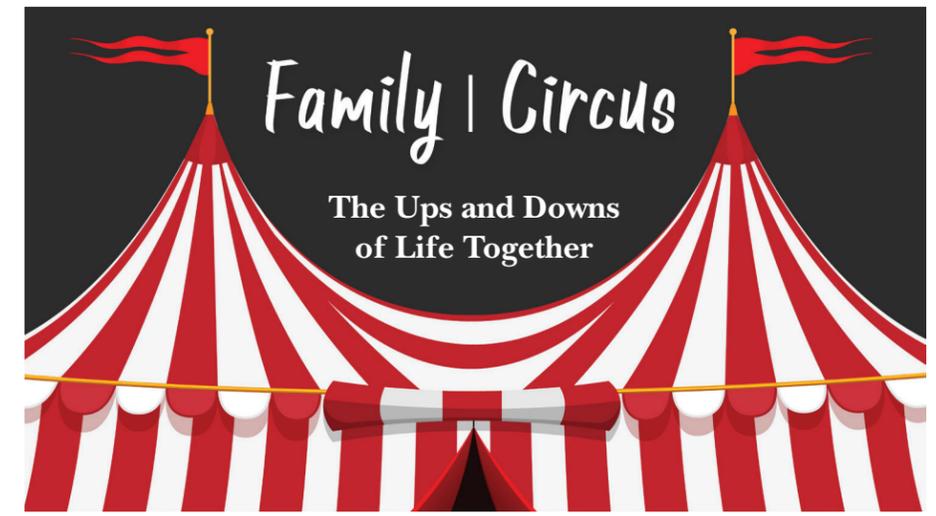
Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/youth](http://fumcaustin.org/youth).

### CHILDREN

For children ages 3 through 5th grade, we offer weekly guided Christian education, led by volunteer church members. Children are grouped by age and grade. Children's classes are located on the first floor of the Education Building. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/children](http://fumcaustin.org/children).

## ONLINE GIVING

We offer two convenient ways to give online: (1) make an online donation at [fumcaustin.org/giving](http://fumcaustin.org/giving) and/or (2) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.



February 10, 2019  
9:00 a.m.

## OUR INVITATION

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 participate fully in the life of this church.

## OUR MISSION

First United Methodist Church exists to build a community where all people are invited to know God's love and sent to join God in transforming the world.

## OUR VALUES

*Justice.* Working to eradicate injustice for the excluded and marginalized. *Bridge-Building.* Nurturing multigenerational friendships and community partnerships. *Storytelling.* Sharing our stories of faith and of growth. *Active Learning.* Pursuing knowledge and understanding of God. *Service.* Seeking mutually empowering service opportunities. *Constructive Disruption.* Disrupting systems of power to create positive change.

## OUR FAMILIES

We love children in worship. Activity clipboards for children are available in the Sanctuary Foyer. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is also available for children through age 5 in EDU Rooms 102-104.



LEARN MORE AT  
[www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org)

## 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

Beloved Ones,  
the God who is love welcomes you here.  
**Each of us is received with joy in this place.**  
This community is held in the embrace of God.  
**We are celebrated by our Creator,**  
**delighted in by God and one another.**  
Because God has practiced love on our behalf,  
so we seek to practice love of one another.  
**Through our actions, we will testify —**  
**each and everyone one of us is beloved.**

\* HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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### OPENING PRAYER

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**O Lord,**  
**your Word is a lamp to our feet**  
**and a light to our path.**  
**Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,**  
**and strength to follow on the path you set before us;**  
**Through Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:7-12

New Testament, page 223

### SERMON

Life in the Family Circus

## 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 United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. The next class is today at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and bring it with you to class.*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### OFFERTORY

Canticle of Hope

Cynthia Dobrinski

#### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
lu-ia! 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! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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

#### 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. All gifts left on the rail will go to our "Feed My People" Breakfast Ministry.*

#### COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn

Christ, We Are Blest

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Hymn

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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