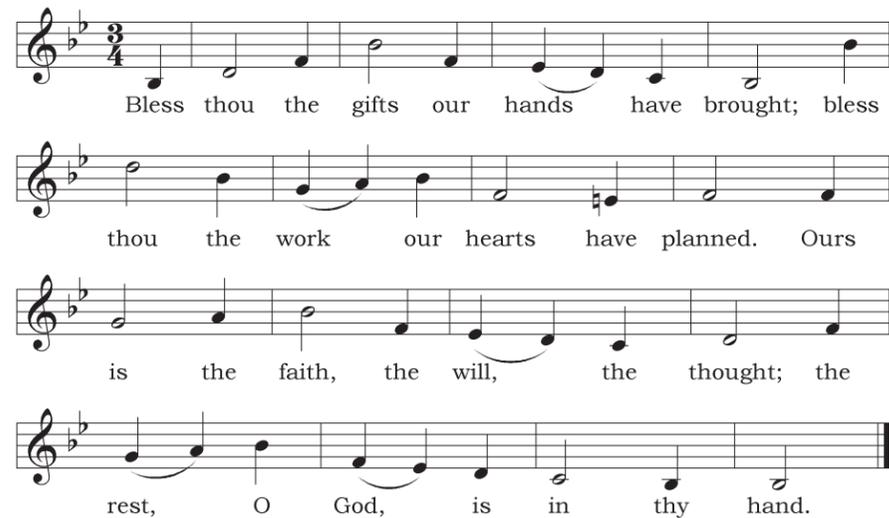


## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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



Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless  
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours  
is the faith, the will, the thought; the  
rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

## 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 March.  
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 581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

### CLOSING MUSIC

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Steve and Pam Tackett in honor of the Downtowners Sunday School Class for all they have done for them over the years.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgists:* Reverend Michael Mumme and Reverend Cathy Stone

*Music Director/Organist:* Scott Davis

## 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

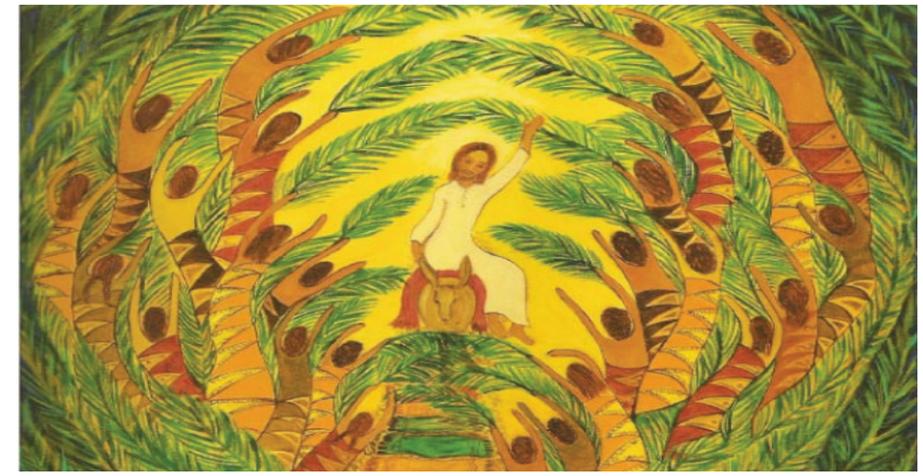
Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/youth](http://fumcaustin.org/youth).

### 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.



## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 10, 2019  
11:00 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.*

*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

Eternal Lord of Love, Old 124th  
Behold Your Church Arr. Charles Winfred Douglas

Eternal Lord of love, behold your church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here - the goal of all desire.  
So daily dying to the way of self,  
so daily living to your way of love,  
we walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod,  
knowing ourselves baptized into your death:  
so we are dead and live with you in God.

Thomas H. Cain

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lent calls us to journey,  
this and every day,  
following Jesus wherever he leads us.

**Lent calls us to journey:  
to the place where God covenants with us.**

Lent calls us to worship together,  
to tell future generations the good news.

**Lent calls us to practice justice,  
to bring God’s hope to all people.**

Lent calls us to faithful living,  
to trust the One who gives us life.

**Lent calls each of us to take up our cross,  
to trust the One who bears it with us.**

Lent calls us to journey with God.

**Let us worship God,  
who walks with us,  
this and every day.**

Thom Shuman

### \* HYMN Lord, Through These Forty Days



1. Lord, through these for - ty days of Lent - en vig - il,  
2. Teach us to wait up - on your sure di - rec - tion,  
3. Help us to walk the ser - vant's way with Je - sus,



help us to see the price of all our sin.  
as Je - sus al - ways leaned up - on your word.  
to see past self, to care for oth - er's need.



Teach us how prayer makes strong a faith that's frag - ile;  
Help us sub - mit our wills to your cor - rec - tion,  
Help us put down the world - ly things that please us,



help us con - front our sin - ful - ness with - in.  
that in each wil - der - ness your will is heard.  
to reach the out - casts with a kind - ly deed.



Show us the cross that Je - sus bore to save us,  
Then may the cross of Christ still win af - fec - tion  
Then may the mean - ing of Christ's pas - sion seize us,



then change our hearts, and let that change be - gin!  
from all in whom the love of God has stirred.  
lead - ing to res - ur - rec - tion hope in - deed!

Words: Stephen Hassmer

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Music: FINLANDIA

### OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God Michael Bedford

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
O cast me not away from thy presence,  
and take not thy holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation,  
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Eternal God,  
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son  
your kingdom has broken into our troubled world.  
Help us now to hear your Word,  
and give us grace to respond in faithful obedience,  
that our lives might be signs  
of the new life given through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

John Paarlberg, adapted

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1-11

New Testament, page 21

### HYMN 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

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

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### HYMN 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

*Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.*

### SERMON

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

### 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 Sunday, April 28, at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at [trevor@fumcaustin.org](mailto:trevor@fumcaustin.org).*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### OFFERING

Wondrous Love  
(Southern Harmony)

American Folk Hymn