

**OFFERING**      When We are Living      Traditional Spanish Melody  
Arr. Kevin McChesney

**\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**



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

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**\* HYMN**      Until All Are Fed      See Insert

**CLOSING MUSIC**  
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**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The flowers are placed in celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the United Methodist Women.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Preacher*  
Sandy Wilder  
*Liturgists*  
Reverend Taylor Fuerst  
Carol Brady  
Camille Raycraft  
*Music Director/Organist*  
Scott Davis  
*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.



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

March 24, 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.



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[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

We have been called to walk the faithful road  
and to choose the way of God’s justice.  
**We are here**  
**because we believe strongly that our God is good,**  
**and that we live in that goodness.**  
**We are here**  
**to proclaim our faith**  
**and to seek direction along this faith journey.**  
Come together, then, to be God’s people.  
Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done.  
Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!  
**We are the people of God!**  
**We are the sign of a new world, a new creation.**  
**We are sisters and brothers of and in Jesus Christ.**

\* **HYMN 87**                      What Gift Can We Bring

### OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM

My Eternal King

Jane Marshall

My God, I love thee;  
not because I hope for heaven thereby,  
nor yet because who love thee not  
must die eternally.  
Thou, O my Jesus,  
thou didst me upon the cross embrace;  
for me didst bear the nails and spear,  
and manifold disgrace.  
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ,  
should I not love thee well?  
Not for the hope of winning heaven  
or of escaping hell;  
not with the hope of gaining aught,  
not seeking a reward;  
but as thyself has loved me,  
O ever-loving Lord!  
E’en so I love thee, and will love,  
and in thy praise will sing;  
solely because thou art my God,  
and my Eternal King!

17th Century Latin Poem; trans. Reverend Edward Caswall

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord,**  
**open our hearts and minds**  
**by the power of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that as the Scriptures are read**  
**and your Word is proclaimed,**  
**we may hear with joy what you say to us today.**  
**Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 8:1-2,11

New Testament, page 207

**HYMN 508** Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom  
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 3 sung seated*  
*as the children come forward.*

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**HYMN 508** Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom  
*Stanzas 4 and 5 sung seated*  
*as the children return to their seats.*

### SERMON

They Went Out Not Knowing

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### PASTORAL PRAYER

Having heard the stories  
of women who went out by faith, not knowing,  
let us all recommit ourselves to doing the same:  
**O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;**  
**open my ears that I may hear their cries;**  
**open my heart so that they need not be without succor;**  
**let me not be afraid to defend the weak**  
**because of the anger of the strong,**  
**nor afraid to defend the poor**  
**because of the anger of the rich.**  
**Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,**  
**and use me to bring them to those places.**  
**And so open my eyes and my ears**  
**that I may this coming day**  
**be able to do some work of peace for thee.**  
**Amen.**

To be able do what we ask,  
we are bold to pray the prayer Jesus taught:  
**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.**

### 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