

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 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

Liturgist

Reverend Michael Mumme

Cantor

Michael Carrillo

Piano

Susannah Willms

Violin

Evelyn Gullatt

WORSHIP MUSIC

Bless Thou the Gifts

Words: Samuel Longfellow

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

All Who Hunger

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan

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Music: Bob Moore

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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.

YOUTH

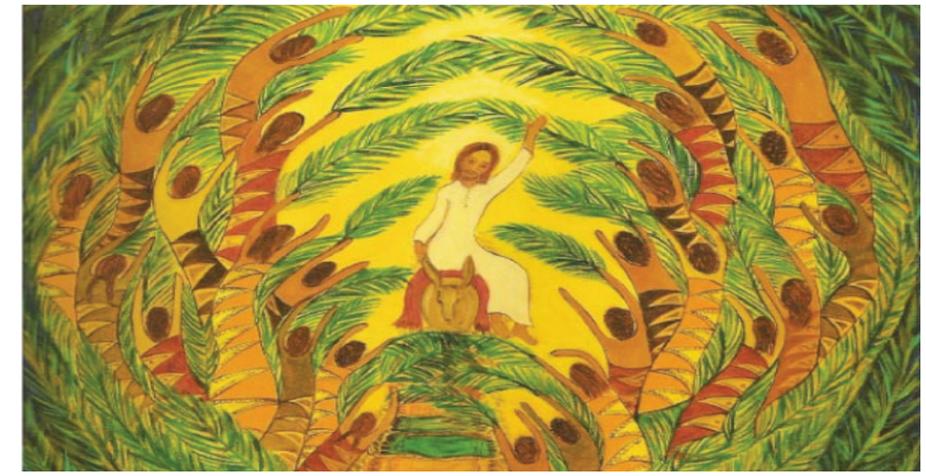
Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

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.

ONLINE GIVING

We offer two convenient ways to give online: (1) make an online donation at 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

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

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

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,
to receive the new names we are given.**

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

See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

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

SERMON

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 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY

Return to God

Marty Haugen

Return to God, with all your heart,
the source of grace and mercy;
come seek the tender faithfulness of God.
Now the time of grace has come,
the day of salvation;
come and learn now the way of our God.
I will take your heart of stone
and place a heart within you,
a heart of compassion and love.
If you break the chains of oppression,
if you set the prisoner free;
if you share your bread with the hungry,
give protection to the lost;
give a shelter to the homeless,
clothe the naked in your midst,
then your light shall break forth like the dawn.

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* 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.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

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 the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR).

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn

All Who Hunger

1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er,
3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth-er; Je-sus

man-na is our bread. Come from wil-der-
be a wel-come guest. Come from rest-less-
Christ is liv-ing bread. Come from lone-li-

ness and wan-d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be
ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the
ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been

fed. You that yearn for days of full-ness,
feast. We that once were lost and scat-tered
led. Blest are those who from this ta-ble

all a-round us is our food. Taste and see the
in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
live their lives in grat-i-tude.

grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.