

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 318 Christ Is Alive

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Josh and Doise Miers in celebration of the first anniversary of Joseph Miers' baptism and in memory of his great-grandfather, Joseph Casbeer, on what would have been his 105th birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Devon Bailey, Director of Youth Ministries

Confirmation Class

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.

YOUTH

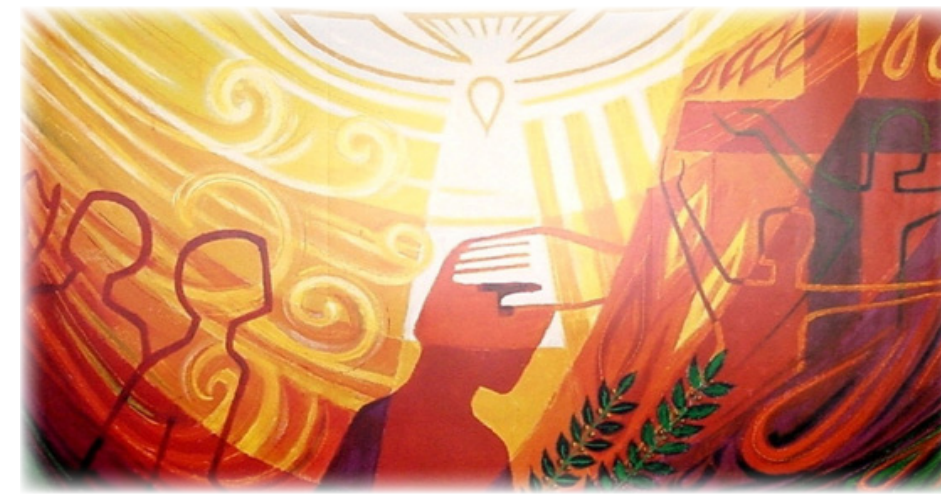
Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

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.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

April 14, 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

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 That Easter Day with Joy was Bright Puer Nobis
Adapt. Michael Praetorius

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when, to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee,
who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

Latin, 5th century; version Hymnal 1940

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia!
Celebrate God in this sacred space!
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!
Give praise for God’s mighty deeds!
Give praise for God’s resurrecting power!
Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.
Praise God with the harp and the cello!
Praise God with tambourines and dancing!
Praise God with flutes and guitars!
Praise God with cymbals and drums!
Let everything with life and breath praise God!

* **HYMN 304** Easter People, Raise Your Voices

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord,
open the eyes and ears of our hearts,
that we may hear the words of challenge and comfort
that the Spirit brings us this morning.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Acts 5:27-32 New Testament, page 116

HYMN 261 Lord of the Dance
Stanzas 1, 2, and 3 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 261 Lord of the Dance
Stanzas 4 and 5 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON Witnesses

RESPONDING IN FAITH

HYMN I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
Je - sus, no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

Words: Anonymous

Music: ASSAM - Anonymous; arr. Eugene Thomas

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THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION 33-39

Sheridan Austin
Hunter Biegert
Paul Blome
Avery Deithloff
Campbell Goss
Karsten Ivey
Samuel Miller
Madeline Novinger
William Strandwitz
James Waggoner

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise Daniel Forrest

If God be for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his only Son,
but gave him up for all,
shall he not with him freely give us all things?
Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!
There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

Romans 8:31-32

Charles Wesley

* 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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