

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 April.
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 292 What Wondrous Love Is This

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Tom Polk and Judy Kostura in honor of the April 13th wedding of their daughter, Rachel Kostura Polk, and their new son-in-law, Alex Baillargeon.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Children's Choir Director

Roxie Garza

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.



PALM SUNDAY

April 14, 2019
9:00 and 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 Fanfare for Palm Sunday

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 Liturgy of the Palms

Ancient Gallican Chant;
Adapt. Howard E. Galley

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
God is the Lord;
he has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches
up to the horns of the altar.
“You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.”
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures for ever.

Psalm 118:19,27-29

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The people gave him a wonderful welcome,
some throwing their coats on the street,
others spreading out branches they had cut in the fields.

Running ahead and following after,
they were calling out,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in God’s name!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in highest heaven!

Today, our hearts are filled with expectation,
as we welcome the coming king.

**We follow the one who comes to save us
by going to the cross.**

* HYMN 280 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM Look Who’s Coming

Michael Bedford

Look who’s coming through Jerusalem today:
It is Jesus Christ, the teacher,
spread palm branches on his way.
Sing hosanna, loud hosanna!
Let the joyful song be heard;
sing hosanna, loud hosanna!
Sound the trumpet, spread the word!
Look who’s coming through Jerusalem today:
It is Jesus Christ, the healer,
spread palm branches on his way.
Look who’s coming through Jerusalem today:
It is Jesus Christ, the Savior,
spread palm branches on his way.

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MINISTRY MOMENT

Easter Offering

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son
your kin-dom 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.
Amen.

John Paarlberg, adapted

SCRIPTURE Mark 14:32-52

New Testament, page 49

HYMN 278 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
*Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated
as the children come forward.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 278 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
*Stanza 3 sung seated
as the children return to their seats.*

SERMON Gethsemane

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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!

Graham George

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues his road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.
Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o’er captive death and conquered sin.
Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The angel hosts of the sky look down
with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.
Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
the Father on his sapphire throne
expects his own anointed Son.
Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

Henry Hart Milman

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in April 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