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

* BENE DICTION

* 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 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.

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.

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.
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

INTERNOT 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.

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; bows meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

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.