EASTER SUNDAY
April 21, 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

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
As you prepare for worship, please pray for those listed in the bulletin insert. If there are others that you would like our congregation to pray for, please fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate.

**OPENING MUSIC**

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

Te Deum Laudamus  
John Rutter

We praise thee, O God;  
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.  
To thee all Angels cry aloud, the Heavens  
and all the Powers therein.  
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; 
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. 
The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. 
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. 
The noble army of martyrs praise thee. 
The holy Church throughout all the world  
doth acknowledge thee, the Father,  
of an infinite majesty, thine honorable, true,  
and only Son, also the Holy Ghost the comforter. 
Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. 
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man,
  thou didst not abhor the Virgin’s womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
  thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
  in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
  whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy saints,
  in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify thee, and we worship thy Name;
  ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us,
  as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

La Réjouissance (The Rejoicing - HWV 351)  George Frideric Handel

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP
  Christ is Risen!
  Nothing is impossible!
  Death is overcome!
  Christ is Risen!
  Love has conquered!
  Hope can never be extinguished!
  Christ is Risen!
  Christ is Risen indeed!
  Alleluia!
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Words: Charles Wesley
Music: EASTER HYMN - Lyra Davidica
OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME

HEARING GOD’S WORD

HYMN 162  Alleluia, Alleluia
           Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 162  Alleluia, Alleluia
           Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

* EASTER GOSPEL  Luke 24:1-12

SERMON  Without Explanation

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning,
    we sing Alleluia with the fullness of hearts.
Christ is Risen!
Love is stronger than Death!
Alleluia!

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning,
    in the midst of our singing and shouting,
    we know there are those who are bewildered and sad.
We pray for those that have no hope,
    for those who suffer from depression, loneliness, and fear.
We pray for those places and peoples in our world
    where death and domination rule,
    where imperial powers ignore the poor,
    where war never ends,
    where children are hungry,
    where parents grieve because they cannot provide,
    where accidents happen and death abounds senselessly.
We pray for those held hostage
    to addiction and chronic illness that debilitates.

In the joy and hope of this Easter morning,
    we realize the depth and breadth of what it means
    to be your Easter people.
For we are the ones who are called
    to go into the places in our lives and world
    to work for justice and life for all in your Creation.
It is up to us to bear witness to the promise of resurrection,
    to hold those in despair,
    and believe for them
    that Love is stronger than death.
In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, O God, 
give us the courage to bear your living Love 
in every corner of our lives, 
so that your peaceable realm will be so, 
here on earth, as it is in heaven.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. 
**Alleluia! Amen.**

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**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.*

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERING**

**Canticle for Easter Day**

*HOLY MANNA / HYMN TO JOY*

Arr. Patti Drennan

Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness;  
sing to God a hymn of praise.

He who on the cross a victim,  
for the world’s salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken;  
Christ from death to life is born,  
glorious life, and life immortal,  
on this holy Easter morn.

Christ has triumphed,  
and we conquer by his mighty enterprise.

We with him to life eternal by his resurrection rise.  
Christ is risen, we are risen!

Shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling,  
we on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia! Now we gain our liberty;  
alleluia to the Savior who has won the victory!

Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
alleluia! to the Triune Majesty!

Alleluia! Amen!

Christopher Wordsworth, alt.

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*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Christ is risen! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up¬
lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978
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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN—Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

*FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE*

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE*
In The United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome at the Lord’s Table. You need not be a member of this or any church. We welcome all, regardless of age or situation in life.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.
When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.
You delivered us from captivity,
made covenant to be our sovereign God,
brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
and set before us the way of life.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

By your great mercy we have been born anew
to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.

Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

When the Lord Jesus ascended,
he promised to be with us always,
in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ’s offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.
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 wafers and cups are available at the left (north) side stations. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive a wafer.

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. Today, all gifts left on the rail will go to our Easter Offering, supporting our Emergency Assistance Fund and our new Thursday Morning Ministry with Women Experiencing Homelessness.

COMMUNION HYMNS

All Are Welcome

Words: Marty Haugen
Music: TWO OAKS - Marty Haugen
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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Words: William Chatterton Dix
Music: HYFRYDOL - Rowland Hugh Prichard

702        Sing with All the Saints in Glory

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING
**Benediction**

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become
  the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
  and he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords, hallelujah!

Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16

**Closing Music**

**Worship Leaders**

*Preacher*
  Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgists*
  Reverend Michael Mumme
  Reverend Cathy Stone

*Music Director/Organist*
  Scott Davis

*Associate Choir Director*
  Mario Contreras

*Guest Conductor*
  Doug Camp

*Brass Quartet*
  Nathaniel Mayfield
  Zachary Morgan
  Michael Rey
  James Van Zandt

**Communion Music**

Words: Traditional, alt.

Music: EASTER HYMN - Lyra Davidica