BIRTHDAY BLESSING
Let us pray:

God, our gracious Creator, we give you thanks for the gift of life to those who celebrate their birthdays in May. 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 547 O Church of God, United

CLOSING MUSIC + + +

CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed by Kristi Kevern in memory of Theresa Coats and Kendra Kevern and in honor and memory of all mothers.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher Reverend Michael Mumme
Liturgists Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Reverend Cathy Stone
Music Director/Organist Scott Davis
Children’s Choir Director Roxie Garza
Handbell Director Shirley Derryberry
Pianist Susannah Willms

OPENING PRAYER
4th and 5th Graders Erica Arellano
Elliot Day
Liam Dulaney
Holden Fuerst
Sean Greene
Rhett Kilday
Dakota McDonald
Kieran McDonald
Henry Strandwitz

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 12, 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

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:_

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

_Psalm 122:1_

**ENTERING THE HOLY**

**INTROIT**

_Come, Christians, Join to Sing_  
_(Text: Hymn 158)_  

_Spanish Hymn_  

_Arr. Scott Davis_

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

_How wondrous!_  

_A new heaven and a new earth!_  

_The tired and violent, bruised and angered, fearful and alienated, will all pass away._  

_In its place God will offer new hope and peace._  

_God will dwell with God’s people forevermore._  

_Worship the Lord who is about to do a new thing._  

_Praise God who establishes God’s reign in the heart of God’s people._  

_Amen._  

_Nancy C. Townley_

**HYMN**

_610 We Know That Christ is Raised_  

_Hymn 158_

**OPENING PRAYER**

_Dear God, Teacher of Life, like you taught Peter, thank you for teaching us to love and accept all the people of the world, even with our differences._  

_Help us realize that your love includes all people and help us accept others the way they are._  

_So that, everyone will feel included, comfortable in your church and in all places, without being judged; and that, we would have a more diverse congregation, in the colors of our skin, in the cultures present among us, and in the acceptance of whom we each love._  

_O God, as your dream inspires, lead us to do._  

_Amen._  

_Henry Baker, para. Psalm 23_

**ANTHEM**

_Come If You’re Weary_  

_(From: Table for Five Thousand)_  

_Alton Potter_

**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 11:1-18_  

_New Testament, page 123_

**HYMN**

_560 Help Us Accept Each Other_  

_Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward._

**TIME FOR ALL DISCIPLES**

**ANTHEM**

_The King of Love My Shepherd Is_  

_Robert Lee_

The King of love my shepherd is  

_whose goodness faileth never;_  

_I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever._  

_Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth._  

_Foolish and stubborn oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me._  

_And so throughout the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd may I sing thy praise, within thy house forever._  

_Henry Baker, para. Psalm 23_

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**SERMON**

_Unclean_  

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**  

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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. 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**

_Foundation of Grace_  

_Arr. Anna Laura Page_

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

_As we sing the following, those with birthdays in May are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing._

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**Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams**