

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 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

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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

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 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

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.**

This collect was developed and written by our 4th and 5th Grade Sunday School Class from their reflection on today’s scripture.

ANTHEM Come If You’re Weary
(From: Table for Five Thousand)

Allen Pote

Come if you’re weary, come if you’re weak.
Someday the earth will belong to the meek.
Come if you’re hungry, come if you thirst.
The first will be last, and the last will be first.
Jesus, there is no one higher,
so we ask what you require.
Tell us, Lord, what can we do
to become as great as you?
If you hunger to be first,
if you’re craving to be best,
be as humble as a child,
be a servant to the rest.

Tom S. Long
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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

SERMON Unclean

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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. 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.



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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