PRAISE WITH JOY
THE WORLD’S CREATOR

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Music: REGENT SQUARE - Henry T. Smart

Poinsettias on the communion rails, around the trees, in the foyers... a great way to celebrate someone you love or who is now in God’s hands.

Each plant is florist quality and great for replanting. The cost is $12, with proceeds benefitting our Christmas Offering for the FLC Kitchen. You may order poinsettias by turning in the form below, by contacting Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226), or online at fumcaustin.org/poinsettia.

Orders must be turned in by 12:00 noon on Sunday, December 8. Plants can be picked up after worship on Sunday, December 22, and Christmas Eve, December 24.

_____________________________________________________
Name of donor
_____________________________________________________
Phone number (in case of questions)
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Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)
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The poinsettia is in memory of _______________________
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The poinsettia is in honor of _______________________
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1. Praise with joy the world’s creator, God of justice,
2. Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive,
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating
4. Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in community,

God whose grace shall never cease. Celebrate the

Maker’s glory, power to rescue and release.

constant presence: Friend and stranger, guest and host.

Spirits treasure: Foolishness none dare deride.

see reflected: God is One and One in Three.
BLESSING OF MARRIAGE

Scott and Kathleen,
as members of the family of First United Methodist Church
and participants in our shared ministry,
we celebrate that recently you united in marriage,
through the sharing of vows and exchange of rings
before a gathered congregation.
We celebrate the love you share for God,
the life you share together,
and the witness that your covenant relationship
will be to all those around you.
We come today with joy
to pray God’s richest blessings on your life together.

Let us pray:
Most gracious God,
we give you thanks for your tender love
in making us a covenant people
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Send your blessing upon
Scott and Kathleen,
that they may keep their marriage covenant,
and continue to grow in love and godliness together.

Grant that their love for each other
may reflect the love of Christ for us
and grow from strength to strength
as they faithfully serve you in the world.
Defend them from every enemy.
Lead them into all peace.
Let their love for each other
be a seal upon their hearts,
a mantle about their shoulders,
and a crown upon their heads.

Bless them
in their work and in their companionship;
in their sleeping and in their waking;
in their joys and in their sorrows;
in their lives and in their deaths.
Fill them and us with grace and strength
to be witnesses of your unending love
for all of your beloved children.

Watch over them in the coming years,
and bring them to the feast of eternal life.
All this we ask through Christ our Lord.
Amen.