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 March.
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 God, with Joy We Look Around Us

CLOSING MUSIC

* CHANCEL FLOWERS The flowers are placed in appreciation of the Modern Families Sunday School Class with love by Jim, Katie, Lexi, Vivi, and Poppy Kaighin.

FOYER FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in honor of Leslie Ivey’s birthday by her parents, Curt and Debbie Shaw.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists
Reverend Cathy Stone
Dr. Brad King

Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis

Children’s Choir Director
Roxie Garza

Children’s Choir Accompanist
Susannah Willms

Handbell Director
Shirley Derryberry

SUNDAY BLESSING

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 PARKING

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.

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

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

Eternal Lord of Love
Charles W. Douglas

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
moved by your love and toward your presence bent;
far of yet here - the goal of all desire.

Thomas H. Cain

CALL TO WORSHIP

No matter the challenges before us,
no matter the destruction
we have endured and contributed to;
God does not give up on us
and we do not give up on one another.

With God, new life is always brewing.
In truth proclaimed.
In tears that release.
In collective longing for better.
In taking action for change.
Even when we cannot yet imagine from where, we trust –
resurrection will come!

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HYMN

Faithful God, You Sent Your Spirit
See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

Lord, Be Our Light
Mark Patterson

Lord, be our strength by day,
be our hope by night,
be our solid rock in the midst of the storm.
Lord, be our source of truth,
Lord, be our light.
Lord, how soon we lose our way,
how our faith grows dim in the heat of the day,
so lead us, teach us.
Fill us with your love we pray.
Lord, be our light.

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RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Lord, you created us as equal,
yet we have treated one another unjustly.
Forgive us, O God.

You created us in your holy image.
Yet we have failed to recognize the dignity and sacredness
of your image in every person.
Forgive us, O God.

Some of the old wounds of injustices are still bleeding,
and the callousness of our scars prevent us
from being as sensitive to others as we ought to be.
Heal us, O God.

Help us listen to those to whom injustices have been done
until we hear your cry in theirs
and feel your pain in theirs.
Help us, O God.

As new, tender skin emerges from under old scars,
create in us a new humanity
through the brokenness of our experiences.
Create in us, O God, a new humanity.

That we may celebrate together
the dignity and sacredness of humanity in one another
for the sake of your glory.
For the sake of your glory.

Amen.

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 19, at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up,
fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate,
go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps, or email Trevor Harper
trevor@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

There’s Something
Bill and Gloria Gaither
About That Name
Arr. Gloria Axleson

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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

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