



**MARCH 24, 2024**  
**11:00AM**

### **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 and other materials for children are available at the back of the Sanctuary. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is available from 8:45AM-12:15PM for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 102.



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# GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

*Asterisks (\*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

## GATHERING VOLUNTARY

### GREETING



*As you prepare for worship, please greet your neighbors and fill out a Connections Card by scanning this QR code with your smartphone or use the printed version found in the pew in front of you. To let our pastors know about a prayer request for you or someone you love, use the QR code found on page 7 of this bulletin or place your card in the offering basket when it is passed.*

*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

Hosanna in the Highest (Liturgy of the Palms)

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 118: 26

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Hosanna!

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Hosanna!

**Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!**

Hosanna!

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Let us worship our Messiah together.

### \* HYMN 280

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

## OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM

Bring Palm Branches

Cindy Berry

Jesus is coming! Jesus is coming today!  
Bring palm branches to lay before the King.  
Lift them high as you celebrate and sing.  
Lay the palms before him, love and adore him.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, we celebrate the King.  
He's coming to Jerusalem today.  
He's riding on a donkey, entering the city, as joyful crowds line the way.

Words and Music: Cindy Berry

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### HYMN 279

Filled with Excitement (Mantos y Palmas)

*Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated  
as the children return to their seats.*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God,

help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand;  
that in understanding, we may believe  
and in believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience,  
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;  
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

New Testament, page 45

### SERMON

# RESPONDING IN FAITH

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*As we pray, please join in the response:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

**source of all that is and that shall be,**

Father and Mother of us all,

**Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

**The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!**

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

With the bread we need for today,

**feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another,

**forgive us.**

In times of temptation and testing,

**strengthen us.**

From trials too great to endure,

**spare us.**

From the grip of all that is evil,

**free us.**

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*New Zealand Book of Prayer*

## INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

*Are you interested in joining First Church? 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 14, at 12:15PM in the FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering basket or go online at [fumcaustin.org/firststeps](http://fumcaustin.org/firststeps).*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### OFFERING

### My Song Is Love Unknown

John Ireland

My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O, who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?  
He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow,  
we then made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend.  
Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his strong praises sing,  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King.  
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.  
In life no house, no home  
my Lord on earth might have;  
in death no friendly tomb  
but what a stranger gave.  
What may I say? Heaven was his home;  
but mine the tomb where in he lay.  
Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

Words: Samuel Crossman

Music: *Love Unknown*, John Ireland

## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the Prince of Glo - ry died,  
2. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an of - fring far to small;

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a vocal line with two verses and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, Bb4, and C5. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

my rich - est gain I count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

The second system continues the musical score. The vocal line has a melodic line with lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving bass lines.

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: *Hamburg*, Lowell Mason

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* HYMN 289

Ah, Holy Jesus

## DEPART IN SILENCE

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The flowers are placed by Will, Alison, and Addy Binford in loving celebration of their daughter and sister, Emma, who turns eight today. Happy Birthday!

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Preacher:* Dr. Brad King

*Liturgist:s* Reverend Taylor Fuerst and Amanda Cripe

*Music:* Scott Davis, Roxie Garza, and Susannah Willms

## **PRAYER REQUEST**



## **GIVING**

Cash or checks will be received during the offertory. We offer three convenient ways to give online: (1) through the FUMC App on your smart phone; (2) make an online donation at [fumcaustin.org/giving](http://fumcaustin.org/giving); and/or (3) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.

## **SUNDAY PARKING**

The church parking lot is reserved for mobility-impaired individuals. All able-bodied members and friends are asked to use the free parking available on Sundays in the Texas Trial Lawyers Association garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets or at open meters around the church.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10:00-10:45AM**

### **ADULTS**

Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Many classes are meeting in person and online. To find class contact information, visit [fumcaustin.org/sundayschool](http://fumcaustin.org/sundayschool).

### **YOUTH**

Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. We gather for announcements and then split into middle school and high school groups. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/youth](http://fumcaustin.org/youth).

### **CHILDREN**

Sunday School begins at 10:00AM and parents may take their children directly to their classrooms after getting a guardian sticker and their child's name tag from one of our check in stations. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/children](http://fumcaustin.org/children).



**ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 25**

A traditional symbol of Easter, the lily is a flower that seemingly dies away, then returns with new life each year.

You are invited to place lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday to the glory of God and in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Plants cost \$20 each and are florist quality and great for replanting so you can enjoy them long after Easter. You may order lilies by filling in the form below and placing it in basket during the offering or mailing it to the church office; by contacting Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226); or by using the QR code. If paying by check, please write "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check.



Orders must be received by 11:00AM on Monday, March 25. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00AM worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31.

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Name of donor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number (in case of questions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)

The lily is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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The lily is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
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