

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN Live Into Hope

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VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in thanksgiving and memory for the life of Helen Mae Fender Arend by her daughter and granddaughter, Elizabeth and Katherine Lerner.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Soloist

Christina Whitford

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 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.

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.

CHILDREN

In 2023, Sunday School will begin 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.

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; 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.



January 22, 2023
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 for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 104.



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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Connections Card included in your bulletin.

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 All Glory Be To God On High Nikolaus Decius

All glory be to God on high,
and peace on earth from heaven,
and God’s good will unfailingly
be to all people given.

We bless, we worship you,
we raise for you great glory thanks and praise,
O God, Almighty Father.

Words: Nikolaus Decius; tr. F. Bland Tucker; para. of Gloria in excelsis

Music: *Allein Gott in der höh*, melody att. Nikolaus Decius; harm. Hieronymus Praetorius

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Draw near to God,
for even now,
God draws near to you.

**Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and God will exalt you.**

O Lord,
help us through our worship
to draw closer to you.

**Help us to be humble
and to seek your way.**

Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

*** HYMN** Gather Us In See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God,
you teach us that if we are lacking in wisdom,
we should turn to you and ask for what we need,
because you give to all generously and ungrudgingly.

**We know that we have so much to learn about your way;
open wide your word to us and give us wisdom
to understand the things you want to teach us.**

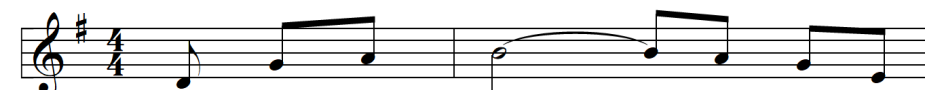
We pray in Jesus’ name.

Amen.

Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:9-14 New Testament, page 77

*** HYMN** How Shall I Come Before the Lord
*Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated
as the children come forward.*



1. How shall I come be - fore the
2. Will fin - est gifts bring God's de -
3. Let jus - tice shine in all your



Lord and bow my - self with heart out -
light? Will wealth bring fa - vor in God's
ways. Let lov - ing kind - ness rule your



poured? And shall I come with of - fer -
sight? What must we be? What must we
days, that, as this earth - ly path you



ing? What shall I give? What shall I bring?
do? What does the Lord re - quire of you?
trod, you shall walk hum - bly with your God.

Words: Dean McIntyre

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Music: English folk melody

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO 3RD GRADERS

*** HYMN** How Shall I Come Before the Lord
*Stanza 3 sung seated
as the children return to their seats.*

SERMON Firing Innocence

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 895

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, February 12, at 12:15 p.m. in the FLC Great Hall.
To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the
offering plate; go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps; or email
Amy Wink at amy@fumcaustin.org.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING Laudate Dominum K. 339 W. A. Mozart
(Sung in Latin)

Praise the Lord, all nations!
Extol the Lord, all peoples!
The Lord’s steadfast love toward us is great!
The faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever!

Words: Psalm 117

Music: from *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore*, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*** PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING 94**