



**MARCH 17, 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 at the bottom of page 6 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

Come, Celebrate the Call of God

English Melody

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, celebrate the call of God that awakens and renews,  
and chooses from us, for our good, the bringers of good news.  
The Spirit’s blessing all ordains to show what God has done,  
yet brings to focus and contains the many in the one.

Words: Brian Wren

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Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather as God’s beloved children—  
**however glad we are,**  
**however out of sorts we are.**

We come together as a people  
whom Jesus calls into community—  
**so this becomes a place**  
**where all are welcome.**

We have come to give thanks,  
to pray and sing,  
to be with other—  
**let us worship God.**

Beth Merrill Neel

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

## 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 10:32-45

New Testament, page 44

## HYMN

Make Me a Servant

*Sung seated as the children come forward.*

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek, Lord, let me lift up  
those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:  
make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day.

Words and Music: Kelly Willard

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## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

# HYMN

## Servant Song

*Sung seated as the children return to their seats.*



1. Broth - er, sis - ter, let me serve you, let me be as  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to - geth - er



Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to  
on this road. We are here to help each oth - er



let you be my and ser - - - vant, too.  
walk the mile and bear \_\_\_\_\_ the load.

Words and Music: Richard Gillard

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# SERMON

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Meet us in our ashes, Lord,  
and guide us to your kingdom.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father,  
who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

## **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).*

## **MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT**

Easter Offering: At the Well

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **OFFERING**

O Jesus, Let Me Walk With You

H. Percy Smith / Arr. Scott Davis

O Jesus, let me walk with you  
in humble paths of service free;  
tell me your secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.  
Teach me your patience; still with you  
in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong;  
in hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only you can give,  
with you, O Jesus, let me live!

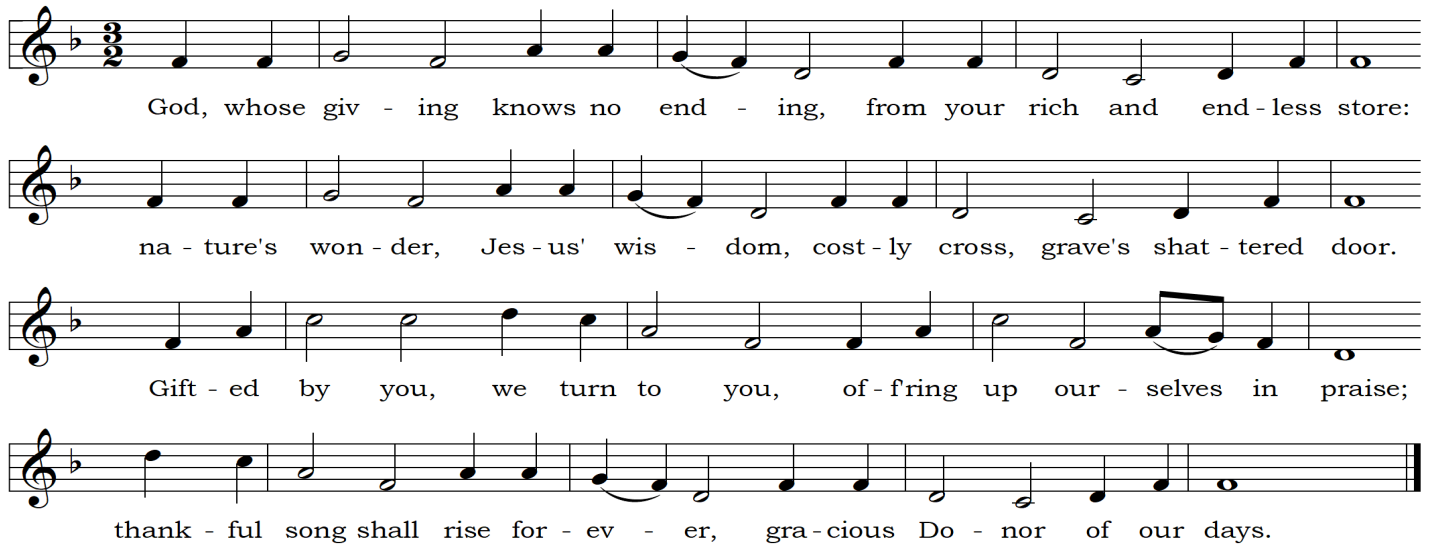
Words: Washington Gladden, alt.

Music: *Maryton*, H. Percy Smith; arr. Scott Davis

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## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:  
na - ture's won - der, Jes - us' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door.  
Gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - fring up our - selves in praise;  
thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious Do - nor of our days.

Words: Robert L. Edwards

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Music: *Beach Spring*, attr. B. F. White

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* HYMN 530

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### VOLUNTARY

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in honor of Dr. Becca Edwards and Dr. Brad King, who were approved by the Rio Texas Board of Ordain Ministry for commissioning in June.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgist:* Reverend John Hathaway

*Music:* Scott Davis

### PRAYER REQUEST



## 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](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).

## 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.



**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.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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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