

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise



God, all crea - tures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is



ris - en! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise



Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly



Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesange; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* **HYMN** Go My Children with My Blessing See Insert

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Mack Hicks and Julie Nelson in celebration of their 21st wedding anniversary on April 21 and in memory of Mack's parents, Reagan and Maurine Hicks, on what would have been their 90th wedding anniversary on April 22.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

Soloist: Linda Van Horne

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

10:00-10:45 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. 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 to awaken to God's word through fellowship and study. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

Sunday School for Kindergarten through 5th grade begins at 9:45 a.m. in Wesley Hall. We gather for Bible stories, songs, and games. Learn more at 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; 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.



Confirmation Sunday

April 24, 2022
11:00 a.m.

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 9:00-12:15 p.m. 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

Christ Is Alive!

Christ is alive!
Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.
Christ is alive,
and comes to bring good news
to this and every age,
till earth and all creation ring
with justice, love, and praise.

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Music: TRURO - Psalmodia Evangelica

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia!
Celebrate God in this sacred space!
Celebrate God in all places under heaven!
Give praise for God’s mighty deeds!
Give praise for God’s resurrecting power!
Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.
Praise God with the harp and the cello!
Praise God with tambourines and dancing!
Praise God with flutes and guitars!
Praise God with cymbals and drums!
Let everything with life and breath praise God!

* HYMN 304 Easter people, Raise Your Voices

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord,
open the eyes and ears of our hearts,
that we may hear the words of challenge and comfort
that the Spirit brings us this morning.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 New Testament, page 110

HYMN Christ Has Risen See Insert
Stanza 1 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN Christ Has Risen See Insert
Stanza 2 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

* HYMN I Have Decided to Follow Jesus



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THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Hymnal 33-39

Carlos Aguirre
Elliot Day
Wyatt Fenton
Sean Greene
Rocket Hoff
Henry Strandwitz
Desmond Sullivan
Cameron Turner

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, May 22, at 12:15 p.m. in the FLC Great Hall. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place in offering plate; go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps; or email Amy Wink at amy@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Eric Thiman

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills my breast,
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
Our Savior, loving, kind.
O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall how kind thou art,
how good to those who seek!
But what to those who find?
Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus,
what it is none but his loved ones know.
Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now,
and through eternity.

Music: Eric Thiman

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