

GOING OUT TO SERVE

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:

**God, our gracious Creator,
we give you thanks for the gift of life
to these who celebrate their birthdays in May.
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.

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Together We Serve



1. To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
2. We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
3. We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
4. To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - rious feast.
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
We of - fer a home to those who will come,
To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,



ex - tend - ing your love to the last and the least.
un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

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VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Laura Velez in celebration of Bert and Lara Greene's 22nd wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Cathy Stone

Liturgist: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

Children's Choir Director: Roxie Garza

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

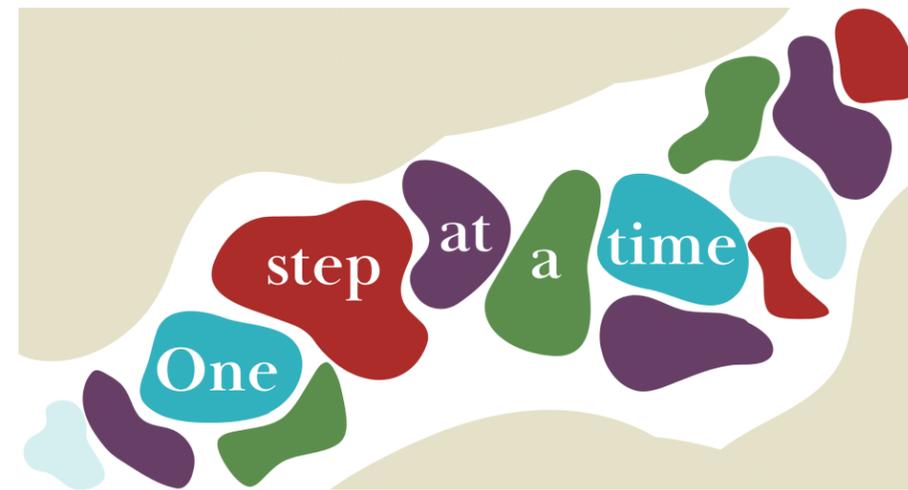
Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. We gather for announcements and then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word through fellowship and study. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 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

Allelu

Mimi Farra

Come and bless, come and praise,
come and praise the living God.
Allelu, allelu, alleluia, Jesus Christ.
Come and seek, come and find,
come and find the living God.
Allelu, allelu, alleluia, Jesus Christ.
Come and hear, come and know,
come and know the living God.
Allelu, allelu, alleluia, Jesus Christ.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

**We come because
we seek to abide in Christ.**

The branches that remain in the vine
bear much fruit.

**We come because
we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

If we abide in Christ,
then Christ's words will abide in us.

**We come because
we strive to be faithful disciples.**

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

**May we grow wildly
as God tends us lovingly.**

Joanna Harader

* HYMN 159

Lift High the Cross

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

You Are the Hands

Lynn Shaw Bailey /
Becki Slagle Mayo

You are the hands that help me as I grow.
You are the eyes that watch me as I go.
You are the ears that hear me calling,
the arms when I am falling.
Because of you, I know what love is meant to be.
Because of you, I know that God loves me.

I love you higher than the mountains
and taller than the tress,
deeper than the canyons
and wider than the seas.

God will always walk beside me
to love and gently guide me.

O God, for all our days,
we will give to you our highest praise!

O Lord, I know that you love me.

You love me!

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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 15:1-8

New Testament, page 104

HYMN 583

You Are the Seed

Sung seated as the children come forward.

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
you're a star that will shine in the night;
you are the yeast and a small grain of salt,
a beacon to glow in the dark.

Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace,
eternal love.

Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
from the dead I arose;
“Lo, I'll be with you forever,
till the end of world.”

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 583

You Are the Seed

Sung seated as the children return to their seats.

You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
you're the wheat that will bear golden grain;
you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch,
my witnesses where'er you go.

Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaiming love to all,
messengers of my forgiving peace,
eternal love.

Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
from the dead I arose;
“Lo, I'll be with you forever,
till the end of world.”

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SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

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

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,
and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
o sing praises to the honor of God's name,
make God's praise to be glorious.

Music and Words: Martin Shaw

* 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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