

## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise  
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-  
lu-ia! 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! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

## GOING OUT TO SERVE

### \* BENEDICTION

\* HYMN 206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Stanzas 1 and 2

### CLOSING MUSIC

Symphonie I: Finale

Louis Vierne

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### CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by the Epiphany Sunday School Class in honor of Dr. Brad King and all his work at FUMC.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher*

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgist*

Reverend Cathy Stone

*Music Director/Organist*

Scott Davis

## 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](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 to awaken to God's word through fellowship and study. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/youth](http://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](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.

Make it  
Plain



Jesus' early  
teachings  
for today

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 27, 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.



LEARN MORE AT  
[www.fumcaustin.org](http://www.fumcaustin.org)

## GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

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

### OPENING MUSIC

With a Shepherd's Care

James J. Chepponis

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### 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

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst

O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number  
and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you,  
great and mighty Lord.

Words: Michael Perry

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### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord,  
you have called us to the mountaintop.  
**Help us to look forward  
to where you would have us go.**

Help us to listen carefully  
to the words of your healing love.  
**Open our hearts and spirits  
to receive your glorious directions.**

Place your trust in the Lord  
in all your ways.

**Lord,  
we have come here to give our lives to you.**

### \* HYMN

We Have Come At Christ's Own Bidding



1. We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this  
2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor  
3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful



high and ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and  
bathes the flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah  
lest our faith de - cline, we, like Pe - ter, find it



long - ing for some to - ken of God's grace.  
mar - vel as the heaven - ly voice is heard.  
tempt - ing to re - main and build a shrine.



Here we pray for new as - sur - ance that our faith is  
Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law and  
But true wor - ship gives us cour - age to pro - claim what



not in vain, search - ing like those first dis -  
Proph - ets meet: Christ with gar - ments drenched in  
we pro - fess, that our dai - ly lives may



ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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Music: HYFRYDOL - Rowland H. Prichard

### OPENING PRAYER

### ANTHEM

I Believe

Mark A. Miller

Courtney Katzmeyer and Victoria Tijerina

I believe in the sun,  
even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love,  
even when I don't feel it.  
I believe in God,  
even when God is silent.

Words: Anonymous Jewish Poem

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## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light,  
by your Word you give light to the soul.  
Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding  
that our hearts and minds may be opened.  
Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

New Testament, page 66

HYMN 173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies  
*Stanza 1 sung seated as the children come forward.*

### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 173 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies  
*Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.*

### SERMON

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*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 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, March 6, at 12:15 p.m. in the FLC Great Hall. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the basket as you leave; go online at [fumcaustin.org/firststeps](http://fumcaustin.org/firststeps); or email Amy Wink at [amy@fumcaustin.org](mailto:amy@fumcaustin.org).*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### OFFERING

This Little Light of Mine  
Linda VanHorne

Trad. Spiritual  
Arr. Ronald Turner

This little light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
Hide it under a bushel? No!  
I'm going to let it shine.  
My light reflects the love of Jesus,  
his love so freely given.  
A gift of love and light for my salvation;  
light of the world,  
now shine through me.  
Wherever I may go,  
I'm going to let it shine.  
Let it shine! Let it shine!

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