

SACRED



SELF-CARE

FEBRUARY 11, 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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www.fumcaustin.org

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 on page 7 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

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

Anonymous

O wondrous sight! O vision fair of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

There are times when God calls us to come and rest, be at peace.

**Wisdom meets us like a friend,
settling our anxiety and bringing us comfort.**

There are times when God comes to us through chaos and disorder.

**Love moves like a mighty wind,
troubling all efforts to dominate and control.**

God brings stillness.

God stirs up.

God is restful and restorative.

God is wild and disruptive.

Let us welcome God in all Their forms,
trusting the Spirit through confusion and clarity.

* HYMN

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

1. We have - come at Christ's own-bid - ding to this high and ho - ly place,
2. Light breaks-through-our clouds and-shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the flesh - joined - Word.
3. Strength - ened by this glimpse of - glo - ry, fear - ful lest - our faith de - cline,

where we wait with hope - and long - ing for some to - ken of - God's grace.
Mo - ses - and E - li - jah mar - vel as - the - heav - en - ly voice - is heard.
we, like Pe - ter, find it - tempt - ing to - re - main and-build a shrine.

Here - we pray for new as - sur - rance that our-faith - is not in vain,
Eyes and hearts be - hold - with won - der how the Law and Prop - ets - meet;
But true wor - ship gives - us cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess,

search - ing like those first dis - ci - ples for - a sign - both clear-and-plain.
Christ with gar - ments drenched-in bright - nes, stands-trans-fig - ured and - complete.
that our dai - ly lives may-prove us peo - ple of - the God we bless.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord, on this Sunday of Transfiguration,
we pray that your light would pour over these pages
and illumine these old, old words —
that they would dance with newness in our hearts and minds,
that we would be radiant in reflecting your Word
in our living and serving one another.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:2-9

New Testament, page 42

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine
Sung seated as the children come forward.



1. This lit-tle light of mine I'm gon-na let it shine, this lit-tle light of mine
I'm gon-na let it shine; this lit-tle light of mine
I'm gon-na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

This Little Light of Mine
Sung seated as the children return to their seats.



Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon-na let it shine, ev -'ry - where I go,
I'm - gon na let it shine; ev 'ry where I go,
I'm gon na let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

SERMON

Practicing

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, please join in the response:

Shine into our lives, Beloved,
that we might light the world.

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. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate or go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

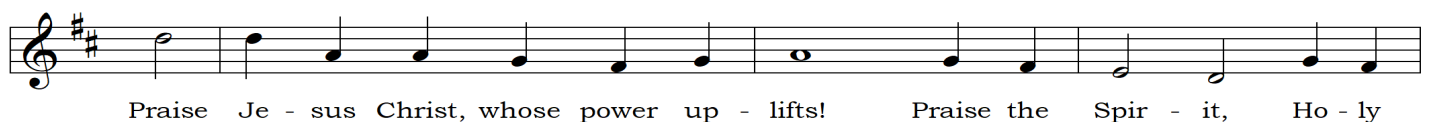
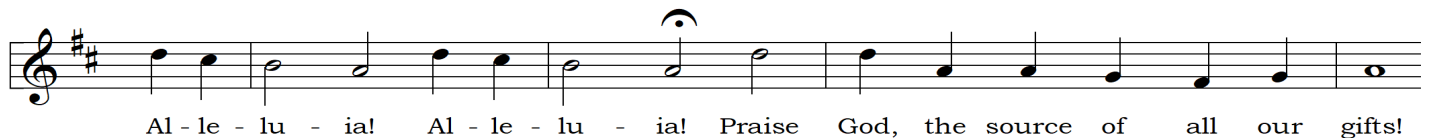
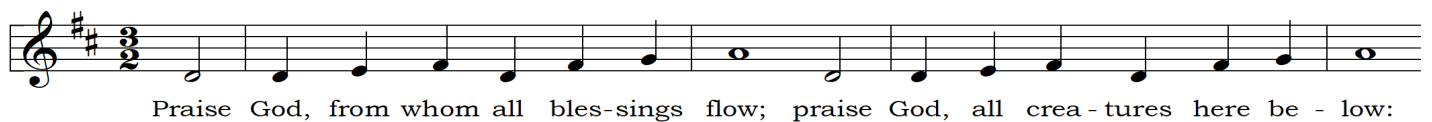
OFFERING

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
strength after weakness, crown after cross;
sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
home after wandering, praise after tears.
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
God is making all things new,
springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
God is making all things new.
Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
near after distant, gleam after gloom,
love after loneliness, life after tomb.
God is making all things new.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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 February.
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

Bring Forth the Kingdom

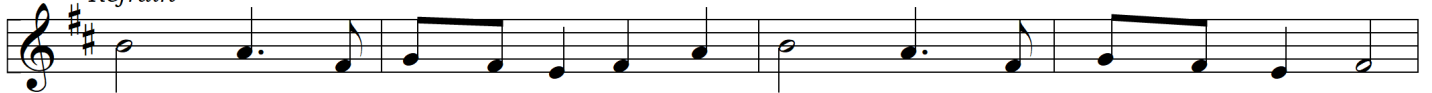


1. We are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: Salt for the King - dom of God!
2. We are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: Light for the Cit - y of God!
3. We are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple: Bring forth the King - dom of God!
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: Bound for the King - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: Life in the King - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the King - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: Love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the King - dom of peace;



bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit - y of God!

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are given by our Connections Team in memory of Alice Parrish and her love and commitment to welcoming new people, particularly through First Steps.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music

Lewis Worthington

Michael De La Garza

WORSHIP MUSIC

O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair

Words: Sarum Breviary, trans. John Mason Neale

Music: Anonymous

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland H. Prichard

This Little Light of Mine

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual

All Things New

Words: Frances Havergal and adapted from Revelatons 21:5-6

Music: Elaine Hagenberg

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

Music: *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*, Geistliche Kirchengesänge; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Bring Forth the Kingdom

Words and Music: Marty Haugen

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PRAYER REQUEST



