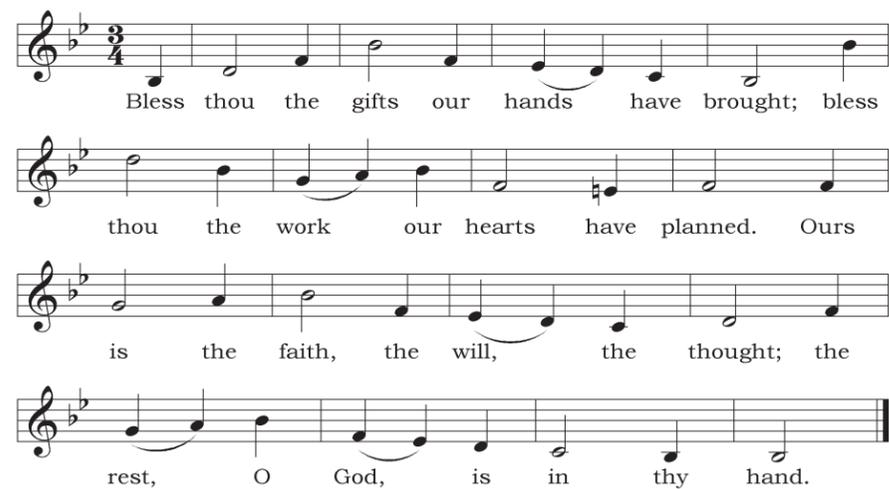


## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless  
thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours  
is the faith, the will, the thought; the  
rest, O God, is in thy hand.

Words: Samuel Longfellow

Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - *Grenoble Antiphoner*; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

## 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 March.**

**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

We Are Marching

See Insert

## CLOSING MUSIC

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## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Tom Polk and Judy Kostura in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher:* Dr. Brad King

*Liturgist:* Reverend Cathy Stone

*Music Director/Organist:* Scott Davis

*Music Associate:* Mario Contreras

## 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.



**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
March 13, 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 10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 104.



**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

#### 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

Eternal Lord of Love,  
Behold Your Church

Charles Winfred Douglas

Eternal Lord of love,  
behold your Church walking once more  
the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day,  
by night your fire, moved by your love  
and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here - the goal of all desire.

Words: Thomas H. Cain

Music: Old 124th - Psaumes Octante Trois de David harm. Charles winfred Douglas

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

We see the work of your hands, Oh Lord:  
the moon and the stars,  
the earth and the seas.

**What are human beings  
that you would hear our cry?**

**What are mortals  
that you would care for us?**

We, too, are your creation, Beloved,  
crowned with glory  
even in our garments of dust and ashes.

**Guide us, Beloved,  
to wipe the dust and ashes from our eyes.**

Remind us to whom we belong.

#### \* HYMN 127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

#### ANTHEM

As the Lyre to the Singer

Alfred V. Fedak

As the lyre to the singer,  
as one’s thought to spoken word,  
as the rose to fragrant odor,  
so to me is Christ the Lord.

As the mother to the baby,  
as the traveler to his guide,  
as the lake to streaming rainfall  
stands the Savior by my side.

As the forest to the pine tree,  
as its song is to the lark,  
as the sky to soaring mountain,  
as the candle in the dark,  
as the meal is to the hungry,  
as the water in the well,  
as the lover is beloved,  
in the love of Christ I dwell.

As the sun to gladdening dayspring,  
as the oil is to the flame,  
as the fish is to the water,  
so to me is his dear name.

Bound to him and by him holden  
as the flute and breath accord,  
his for now, and his forever  
is my soul to Christ the Lord.

Words: Harayan Vaman Tilak, trans. from Marathi by Nicol McNidol, additional text by composer

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## HEARING GOD’S WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Speak to us, Beloved.**

**Speak into our hearts and our minds.**

**Fill us with your spirit and your Word**

**until we overflow with grace**

**and find your words falling from our own lips.**

**Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE

Galatians 2:15–21

New Testament, page 177

#### HYMN

I Will Follow

See Insert

*Sung seated as the children come forward.*

#### TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

#### HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

See Insert

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

#### SERMON

A Tradition of Salvation

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Meet us in our ashes, Lord;

**and draw us to your kindom.**

## 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 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, ask questions. 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@fumcaustin.org](mailto:amy@fumcaustin.org).*

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### OFFERING

The Cross

Craig Courtney

The cross before you to lead,  
the cross behind you to defend,  
the cross below you to uphold,  
the cross beside you to befriend,  
the cross above you to inspire,  
the cross within you to consume,  
the cross surround you with its power,  
enfold your life, your soul, you all.

The cross each morning when you rise,  
the cross each evening while you sleep,  
the cross to see before your eyes,  
the cross upon your lips to speak,  
the cross be all that you would hear,  
the cross be all that you believe,  
the cross be with you in this life,  
the cross be with you when you leave.

The cross before you,  
the cross behind you,  
the cross within you,  
the cross be all you need.

Words: Pamela Martin

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