



MARCH 10, 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 at the bottom of page 6 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

Come, Celebrate the Call of God

English Melody

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, celebrate the call of God that awakens and renews,
and chooses from us, for our good, the bringers of good news.
The Spirit’s blessing all ordains to show what God has done,
yet brings to focus and contains the many in the one.

Words: Brian Wren

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Music: *Kingsfold*, English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus brought healing love to all people.
They talked and marveled about his miracles.
But they really didn’t understand him.
They wanted the healing,
but not necessarily a change in their lives.
Jesus brings us transforming compassion.
We come with our minds and spirits
open to Jesus’ life-changing acts.

* HYMN 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Stanzas 1-5 and 7

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God,
help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand;
that in understanding, we may believe
and in believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HYMN

We Cannot Measure How You Heal
Stanza 1 sung seated as the children come forward.



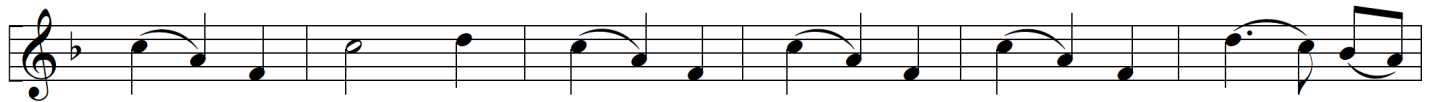
1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal or an - swer
 2. The pain that will not go a - way, the guilt that
 3. So some have come who need your help and some have



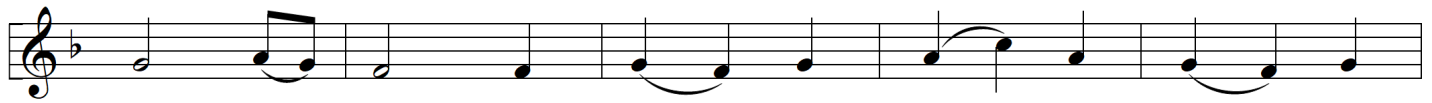
ev - 'ry suf - frer's prayer, yet we be - lieve your grace re -
 clings from things long past, the fear of what the fu - ture
 come to make a - mends, as hands which shaped and saved the



sponds where faith and doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though
 holds, are pres - ent as if meant to last. But pres - ent
 world are pres - ent in the touch of friends. Lord, let your



blood - ied on the cross, sur - vive to hold and heal and
 too is love which tends the hurt we nev - er hoped to
 Spir - it meet us here to mend the bod - y, mind, and



warn, to car - ry all through death to life and
 find, the pri - vate ag - o - nies in - side, the
 soul, to dis - en - tan - gle peace from pain, and



cra - - dle chil - dren yet un - born.
 mem - o - ries that haunt the mind.
 make your bro - - ken peo - - ple whole.

Words: John L. Bell

Music: *Ye Banks and Braes*, Scottish trad.; arr. John L. Bell

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

Stanzas 2 and 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

A Call to Growth

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, please join in the response:

Meet us in our ashes, Lord,

and guide us to your kingdom.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come,
we pray that your good will be done,
let heaven and earth become one.

Give us this day the bread we need,
give it to those who have none.

Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one.

Lead us to holy innocence
beyond the evil of our days —
come swiftly Mother, Father, come.

For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
forever your name is All in One.

Amen.

Parker Palmer

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. The next class is Sunday, April 14, at 12:15PM in the FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering basket or go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

What a Healing Jesus

Mary Y. Brown / Arr. Paul Ferrin

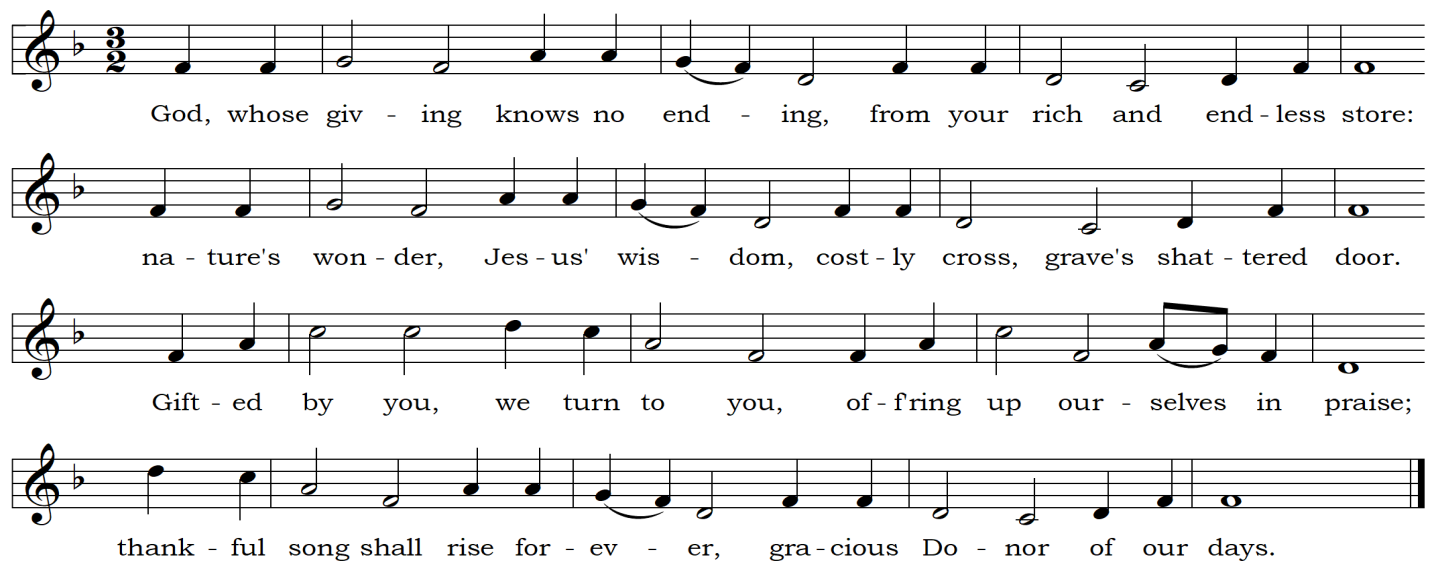
While walking by the sea, "come and follow me," Jesus called.
Then all through Galilee, the sick and the diseased, he healed them all.
Jesus hasn't changed, his power is just the same as when he walked the shore.
This God of yesterday is still the healing Jesus now and ever more.
What a healing Jesus I've found in you.
What a healing Jesus, you restore, refresh, and renew.
You're my healing Jesus for such a time as this arise on healing wings,
Son of righteousness.
The Spirit of the Lord now is upon me, anointed me,
to heal the broken hearts, open prison doors, set captives free,
to comfort those that mourn, fill their lips with praise,
to pour the oil of joy.
That they might be called "trees of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord."

Words and Music: Mary Y. Brown, arr. Paul Ferrin

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
na - ture's won - der, Jes - us' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door.
Gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - fring up our - selves in praise;
thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious Do - nor of our days.

Words: Robert L. Edwards

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Music: *Beach Spring*, attr. B. F. White

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 340

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Curt and Debbie Shaw in celebration of Debbie's birthday on March 4 and Leslie Ivey's birthday on March 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend John McMullen

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Music: Scott Davis

PRAYER REQUEST



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

10:00-10:45AM

ADULTS

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. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

Sunday School begins at 10:00AM and parents may take their children directly to their classrooms after getting a guardian sticker and their child's name tag from one of our check in stations. 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.



ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 25

A traditional symbol of Easter, the lily is a flower that seemingly dies away, then returns with new life each year.

You are invited to place lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday to the glory of God and in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Plants cost \$20 each and are florist quality and great for replanting so you can enjoy them long after Easter. You may order lilies by filling in the form below and placing it in basket during the offering or mailing it to the church office; by contacting Tami Kellberg at tami@fumcaustin.org or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226); or by using the QR code. If paying by check, please write "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check.



Orders must be received by 11:00AM on Monday, March 25. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00AM worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31.

Name of donor

Phone number (in case of questions)

Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)

The lily is in memory of _____

The lily is in honor of _____
