

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

In gratitude,
in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal,
these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Send us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.
So, Lord,
may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 634 Now Let Us from This Table Rise

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Tom and Robbie Ausley in celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone
Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis
Soloist: Chelsea DeLorenz
French Horn: David Allen

WORSHIP MUSIC

Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist

Music: Song 1, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, alt.
Words: William Harry Turton
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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Music: Harold W. Friedell
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admin. Warner Bros. Publications U.S. Inc.
Words: Percy Dearmer; from Enlarged Songs of Praise
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Bless Thou the Gifts

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

How Beautiful

Words and Music: Twila Paris; arr. Lloyd Larson
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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.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 3, 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.*

OPENING MUSIC Humbly We Adore Thee Adoro Te Devote
Arr. Charles Callahan

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 Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist Orlando Gibbons
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Lord, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray
that all thy Church might be forever one,
grant us at every Eucharist to say
with longing heart and soul,
“Thy will be done.”

O may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pilgrims,
we are invited to journey through this season of Lent
towards the **One who calls us each by a new name.**

Disciples,
we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
carrying our fears, our doubts, our longings with us.

Believers,
we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
**whose promises take on flesh and blood
in the good news called Jesus.**

Thom Shuman, alt.

*** HYMN** As We Gather at Your Table See Insert

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Since we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth,
make us hunger for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ,
the bread of heaven.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:13-19 New Testament, page 224

SERMON Certainty, Cynicism, and Curiosity

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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; or email amy@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

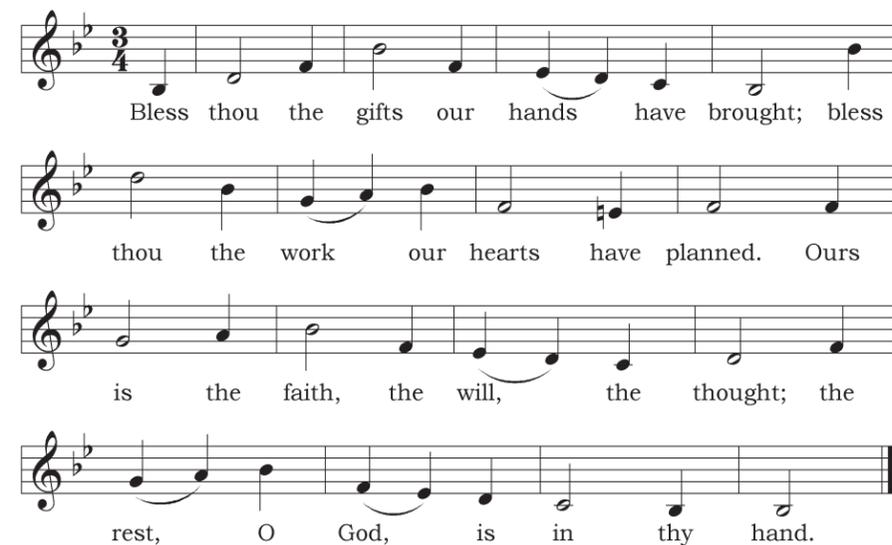
OFFERING Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether Harold W. Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit’s tether;
for when humbly, in thy name.
two or three are met together,
thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment’s hem.

As the brethren used to gather
in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father
break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living
make as sacraments of thee,
that by caring, helping, giving,
we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

* 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.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God,
we confess that we like to think we know you,
while what we really know is who we want you to be.

We often think we have the answers,
that we know best,
even as you show us a still more excellent way.
Open our eyes and our ears to know you as you are,
and help us learn that uncertainty
gives us opportunities to trust in you.
Lead us, Lord,
so we walk your way on any road we travel.

Thom Shuman

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news!
Christ died for us,
Christ rose for us,
Christ reigns in power for us,
Christ prays for us.
Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.
The old life has gone;
a new life has begun.
Believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION MUSIC

Anthem How Beautiful

Twila Paris
Arr. Lloyd Larson

How beautiful the hands that served
the wine and the bread
and the children of earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked
the long dusty roads
and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
How beautiful the heart that bled,
that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes
that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful is the body of Christ.
And as he laid down his life,
we offer this sacrifice
that we will live just as he died:
willing to pay the price.
How beautiful the feet that bring
the sound of good news
and the love of the King.

Hymn 624 Bread of the World