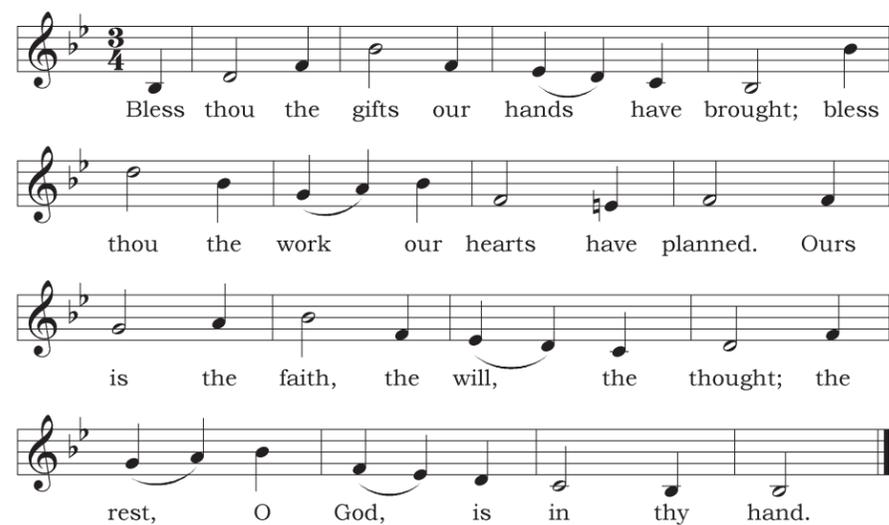


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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 April.

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 Ride On! Ride On In Majesty!

See Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Stan and Bergan Casey in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Dr. Brad King

Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

Children's Choir Director: Roxie Garza

Pianist: Susannah Willms

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.



April 10, 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

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 Hosanna in the Highest Ancient Gallican Chant
Adapt. Howard E. Galley

Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
This is the gate of the Lord;
the righteous may enter.
I will give thanks to you,
for you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

Psalm: 118: 19-21

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.
**We will journey through praise,
with joy on our lips;
we will travel through betrayal and death,
cradling hope deep in our hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week,
and we will follow,
for he is the life we long for,
he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation,
we lay our love before him,
to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes:
modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna!
Blessed is the One
who brings us the kingdom of God.**

Thom Shuman

* **HYMN 280** All Glory, Laud, and Honor

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM Hosanna, Hosanna! Emily and Patti Drennan

Hosanna, hosanna,
blessed is he who comes!
Hosanna, hosanna, to the blessed One!
Crowds had gathered on that day
to let their voices ring.
They lined the streets and shouted,
“Blessed is the King!”
They waved palm branches in the air
for David’s royal Son.
Blessed is he who comes today,
our Lord, the righteous One!
Riding on a donkey colt to Jerusalem,
the Savior saw the people
come to worship Him.
They laid their coats upon the road
for David’s royal Son.
Blessed is he who comes today,
our Lord, the righteous One!
Hosanna, hosanna, blessed is he who comes!

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MISSION EMPHASIS

Easter Offering

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Merciful God,
as we enter Holy week,
turn our hearts again to Jerusalem,
and to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Stir up within us the gift of faith
that we may not only praise him with our lips,
but also may follow him in the way of the cross.**

John Paarlberg

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:28-40 New Testament, page 79
Philippians 2:5-11 New Testament, page 185

HYMN 277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
Sung seated as the children come forward.

Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me
if he were here:
words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus’ face.

Words: William H. Parker

Music: STORIES OF JESUS - Frederick A. Challinor

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 277 Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
Sung seated as the children return to their seats.

Into the city I’d follow the children’s band,
waving a branch of the palm tree
high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, “Jesus is King!”

SERMON

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 kingdom.

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, May 22, at 12:15 p.m. in the FLC Great Hall. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place in offering plate; go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps; or email Amy Wink at amy@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING To Mock Your Reign, Ralph Vaughan Williams
O Dearest Lord

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
they made a crown of thorns;
set you with taunts along that road
from which no one returns.
They could not know, as we do now,
how glorious is that crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow,
your sorrows heal our own.
In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
they snatched a purple cloak;
your passion turned, for all they cared,
into a soldier’s joke.
They could not know, as we do now,
that though we merit blame,
you will your robe of mercy throw
around our naked shame.
A sceptered reed, O patient Lord,
they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade
to its appointed end.
They could not know, as we do now,
though empires rise and fall,
your kingdom shall not cease to grow
till love embraces all.

Music: KINGSFOLD - English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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