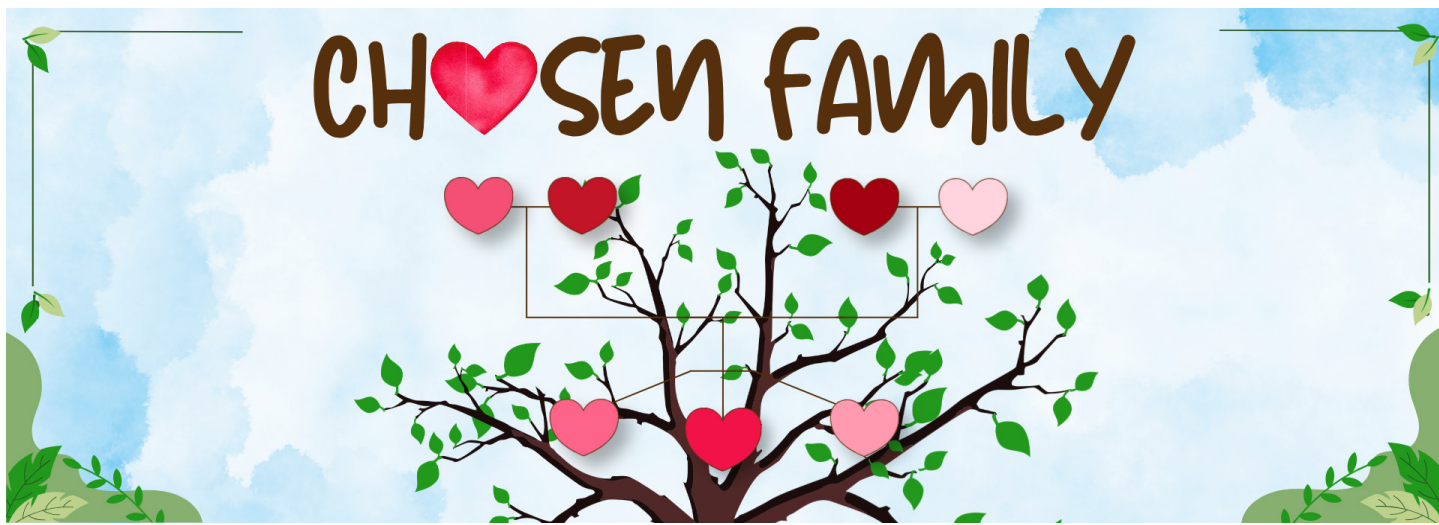




June 28, 2026
9:00AM

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 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.



LEARN MORE AT
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. You can find the printed version in the pew in front of you or you can use the QR code on the front page of the FUMC Weekly. To let our pastors know about a prayer request for you or someone you love, you can use the printed Connections Card that will be placed in the offering basket when it is passed or you can use the QR code found on the front of the FUMC Weekly.

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

We Will Worship You, Lord

We will worship you, Lord, with all of our might,
we will praise you with a psalm.
We will praise you all day long.
For thou, O Lord, art glorious,
and thy name is greatly to be praised;
may our hearts be pure and holy in thy sight
as we worship you with all of our might.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, you who thirst for grace.
Come, you who hunger for justice.

Come, you who are a stranger in a strange land.
Come, you who are like a child at home.
Come, for Christ welcomes you to this time and place.
We have come to worship God.

*** HYMN 89**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God,
as we hear the scriptures read and proclaimed,
help us recognize your voice calling us
into the family you are creating—
a community bound by grace, love, and discipleship.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

SERMON

The Unconditional Love of a Furball

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in what it means to be a member of First Church? First Steps is an informal gathering where you can meet the pastors and staff, learn about United Methodist beliefs, hear more about our many ministry opportunities, ask questions about this community of faith, and explore whether membership at First Church is your next step in faith. The next First Steps Class is Sunday, September 13, at 12:15PM in the FLC Garrison Chapel. Lunch is provided and childcare is available in EDU Room 102. To sign up, fill out a Connections Card and place it in the offering basket or go online at fumcaustin.org/first-steps.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

We Thank You, God, for Animal Friends

Come now and join in the celebration!
Sing and give thanks for God's creation.
All living creatures, large and small,
are gifts from the Spirit, maker of all!
We thank you, God, for animal friends;
they cause us to marvel, laugh and grin.
They cuddle close when we are sad,
they jump for joy, when we are glad.
We thank you, God, for animal friends;
they guide and protect us and defend.
They sense and warn when danger's near,
they help us see; they help us hear.
Bless all animals everywhere,
in our homes and flying through air,
in the fields and rivers on earth.
Thank you, God, for giving them birth:
the kittens and puppies, the goldfish and guppies,
the roosters and hens, the sparrows and wrens,
the parrots and colts, hamsters and goats,
the spaniels and beagles, penguins and eagles!
We thank you, God,
and promise to care for animals everywhere!

Words: Jean Aldredge-Clanton

Music: Larry E. Schultz

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Musical score for 'Presentation of the Offering' in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The score consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je-sus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'.

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be-low:
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Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The score is divided into three parts, each with a 'Celebrant' and 'All' section. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and half notes. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

Celebrant *All*
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.
Celebrant *All*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.
Celebrant *All*
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor gives thanks, recalling God's story of abundance.

...And so,

with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name
and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of pow'r and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - - - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes

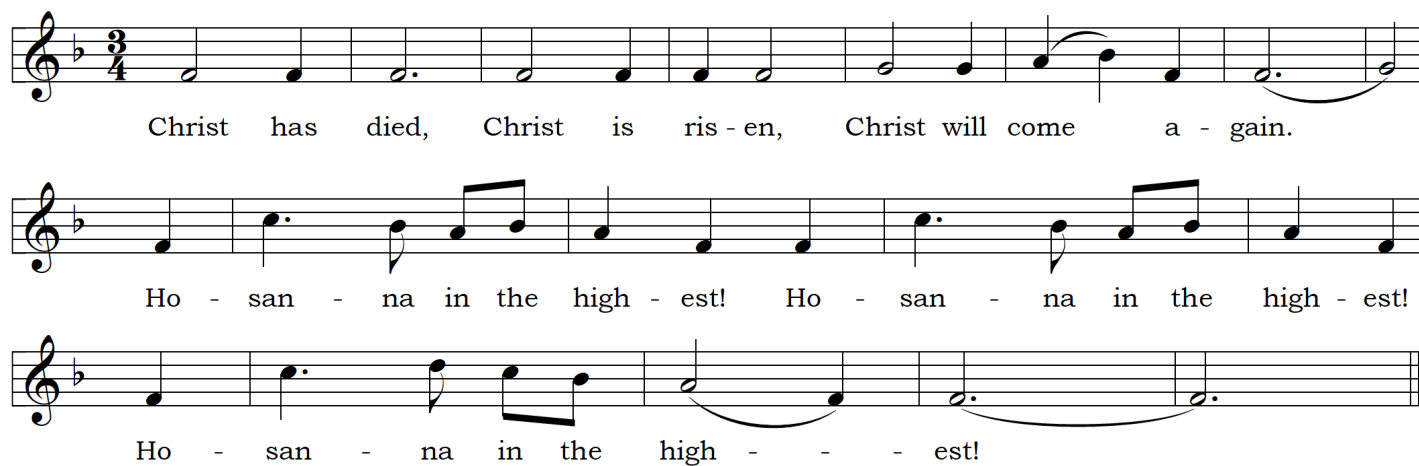
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Please be seated. Pastor continues leading the prayer, recalling the acts of Christ.

...And so,

in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



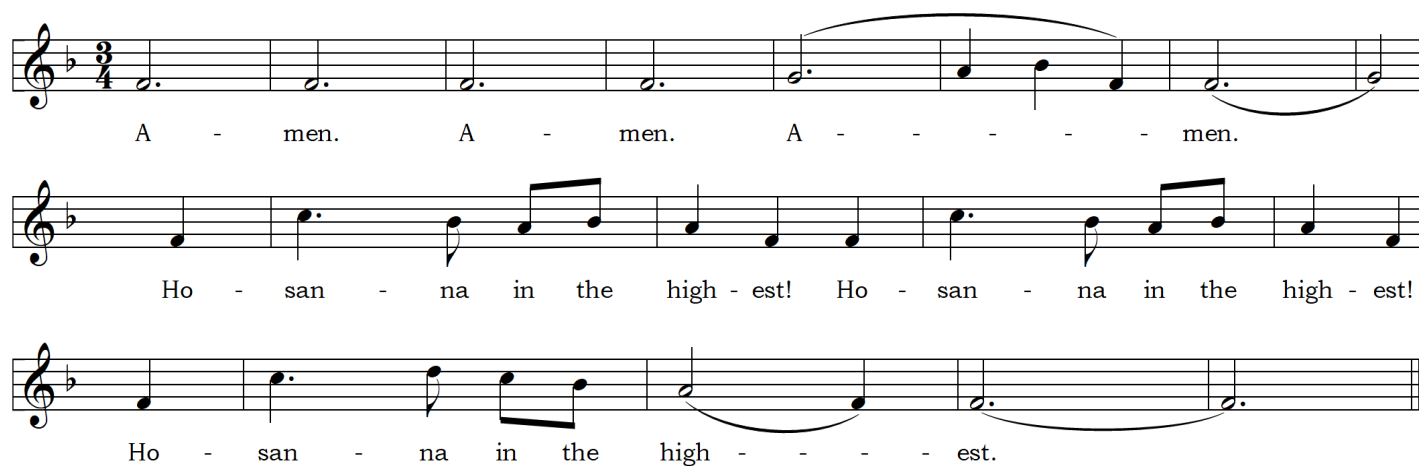
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

Pastor continues leading the prayer, asking God to pour out God's Holy Spirit on us and this meal.

...Through your Son Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
 all honor and glory are yours, almighty God,
 now and forever.



A - men. A - men. A - - - - - men.

Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Ho - san - na in the high - - - - - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our God in heaven,
 hallowed be your name.
 Your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.

Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom,
the power,
and the glory, forever.

Amen.

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

All Who Hunger



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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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

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 June.
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**

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Ben and Danielle Thoma in loving memory of Gary Thoma on what would have been his birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Cathy Stone

Cantors

Matthew McDaniel

Alan Schlichting

Sarah Urías

Offertory

Matthew McDaniel

Sarah Urías

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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GIFTS MAKE TRANSFORMATION POSSIBLE

Cash or checks will be received during the offertory. We also have three convenient ways to give online: (1) use your smartphone to scan the QR code provided on the front page of the FUMC Weekly and follow the prompts; (2) use the FUMC App on your smart phone; and/or (3) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving.

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 for preschool through 5th grade is located on the first floor of the Sanctuary Building. Check in at one of our welcome stations for a name tag and guardian sticker before dropping children off in their classrooms. Childcare is also available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers from 8:45AM-12:15PM. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

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 Peak Parking Garage (owned by the Texas Trial Lawyers Association) at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets or at open meters around the church. The garage is open from 7:00AM-2:30PM.

