



FOUNDATION for the FUTURE

**May 17, 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.



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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

God, We Love This Congregation!

God, we love this congregation!
On this day, we're glad to see friends and neighbors,
gathered, praying, as a church community.
We are drawn by faith and friendship to this holy place and time.
Bless us as our congregation moves together, serving you.

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Music: *Nettleton*, Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are the church
God has guided through generations past.

We are the church
that lives into God's future today.

A church united across space and time.
A church that lives by the work of God in Christ.

God's future is beyond our imagination,
and it is good news for all God's people.

God's story is our story,
and we will live it out with joy!

* HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
2. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God, Creator, now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Words: Martin Rinkart; Trans. Catherine Winkworth

Music: *Nun Danket Alle God*, Johann Crüger

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,
as we listen for your word,
even in the midst of life's endless distractions,
capture us; convict us; convert us; surprise us; and renew us.
Amen.

John Thornburg

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6:17-19

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Grace-giving God,
we give thanks for your love
that creates, redeems, and sanctifies your church
as your body in this world.
We especially thank you for the gift of more than 100 years
of ministry in this Sanctuary building:
for the triumphs, trials, and tragedies,
the shared memories that have led us
into community and communion with you and each other.
We remember and celebrate your faithfulness, O God.

As we give thanks for the past,
we recognize that our work is not yet done.
Therefore, we ask you:
Give us generous and compassionate hearts
to commit fully to your work
and to keep your dream
at the center of our vision for this church.
Help us to be a tender-hearted people, O God.

Infuse us with the light of your love
so that we will pull together
in confidence, courage, and hope,
bound ever closer as disciples who model our lives
after your example of self-giving love.
Bind our hearts selflessly to You, O God.

Empower us with your Holy Spirit
so that we may be advocates and witnesses of your Gospel
especially alongside those
who stand in greatest need among us.
Revive in us a hunger for justice and mercy, O God.

Stir in us a desire to build on the foundation of faith
with creativity and faithfulness for the generations
who will come after us and carry forward your mission.
Restore in us a steadfast spirit, O God.

Teach us to trust your provision in all that we do,
 taking away our fear of scarcity or inadequacy
 so that we may be truly open to hearing and responding
 to your Spirit's call.
Give us bold dreams, O God.

Guide us to humility, responsibility, and deep faith
 as we make these commitments today,
 honoring each gift given as an outward sign of your grace,
 trusting you to make more of our offerings
 than we could ever imagine.
Sanctify us as your servants, O God.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

What Gift Can We Bring

Words: Hymn 87

Words and Music: *Anniversary Song*, Jane Marshall © 1982 Hope Publishing Co.
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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
 low: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! 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! Christ is ris - en! 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

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.

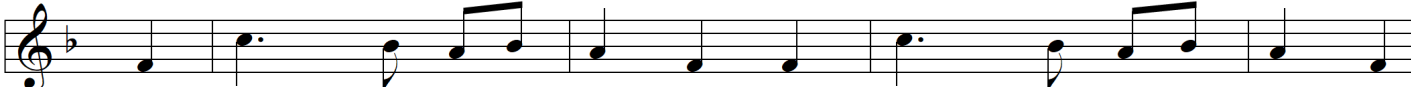
...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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



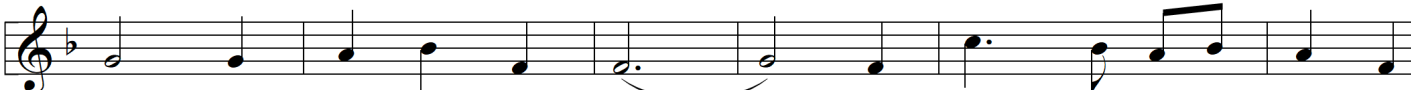
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - - - - ry.



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 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.

...To You, O Creator of love and life,
through Christ Jesus who makes all life new,
in communion with your Holy Spirit who breathes new life into all,
we honor and praise you for your everlasting love.

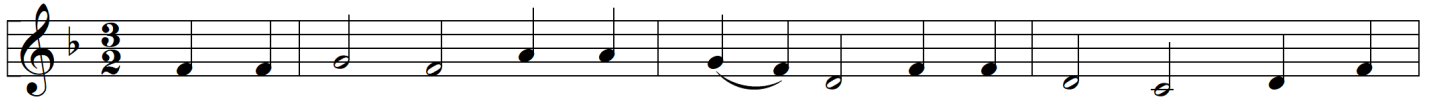
A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.
Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

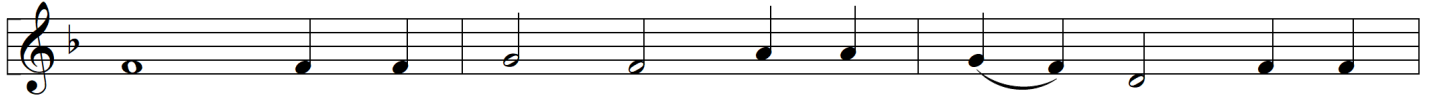
Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

Jesus Calls Us to His Table



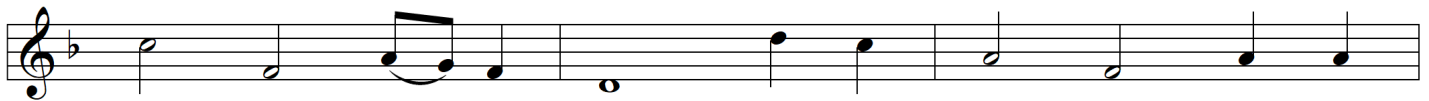
1. Je - sus calls us to his ta - ble root - ed firm in time and
2. Je - sus calls us to each oth - er: vast - ly dif - ferent though we



space, where the church in earth and heav - en finds a
are; race and col - or, class and gen - der neith - er



com - mon meet - ing place. Share the bread and wine, his bod - y; share the
lim - it nor de - bar. Join the hand of friend and strang - er; join the



love of which we sing; share the feast for saints and
hands of age and youth; join the faith - ful and the



sin - ners host - ed by our Lord and King.
doubt - er in their com - mon search for truth.

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

Let Us Be Bread

Refrain



Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.



Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord. *Fine*



1. I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more. *D.C.*



2. You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends. *D.C.*



3. See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you. *D.C.*



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love. *D.C.*

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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

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom

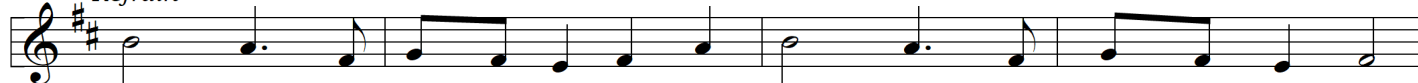


1. We are salt for the earth, O peo - ple: salt for the King - dom of God!
2. We are a light on the hill, O peo - ple: light for the Cit - y of God!
3. We are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple: bring forth the King - dom of God!
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple: bound for the King - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple: life in the King - dom of God!
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple: shine for the King - dom of God!
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice, grow in the King - dom of God!
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land: love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the King - dom of peace;



bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice, bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Sarah Lancaster in honor of her grandmother, Sue Price, who will celebrate her 100th birthday on May 20.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Cantors: Scott Davis and Sarah Urías

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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SPIRITUALS OFFERING

In worship we often sing songs and hymns from the traditions of the Black Church. This music, born of the enslavement and oppression of Black Americans, began as a way of communicating messages of hope and perseverance. Today we share this music to lift up this witness of determination, inspiration, and eternal life.

Most songs from these traditions were not published until after the names of their creators were long forgotten. In recognition of this, whenever we sing gospel and spiritual songs, we contribute “royalties” as an offering that will support the development of young Black musicians at Huston-Tillotson University.

If you would like to contribute to this offering, please use the envelope provided in the pew or give online at fumcaustin.org/giving and select “Other Designated” in the drop down menu. Please write or type in the memo: Spirituals Offering.

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.