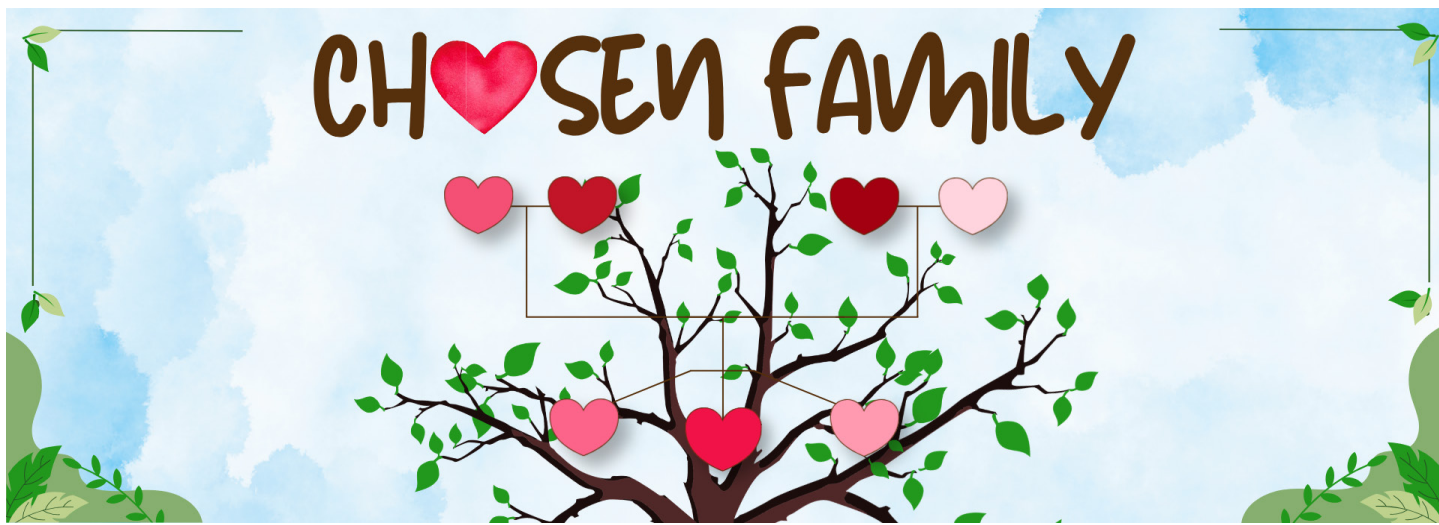




*July 19, 2026
11:00AM*

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 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

Tuba Tune

Craig Sellar Lang

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

Church of God

Church of God, chosen people,
sing your praise to God.
God has called you out of darkness
into marvelous light!
Come people of God, with joyful song,
praise God, Creator of all.
God calls us now to follow Christ,
let hearts be filled with joy!

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Music: Margaret Daly

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and gather in the love of Jesus,
who calls us not servants, but friends.
**We come to worship the One who first chose us,
and laid down his life for our sake.**

Jesus commands us:

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

**May our hearts be opened to His grace
as we gather to bear fruit that will last.**

Let us worship God together.

* HYMN

The Church's One Foundation



1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord; we
 2. Called forth from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth; our
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der the world sees us op - pressed, by
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war, we
 5. We now on earth have un - ion with God the Three in One, and

are his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word; from
 char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One
 schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed, yet
 wait the con - su - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; till
 share through faith com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won. Oh,

heaven he came and sought us that we might ev - er be his
 ho - ly name pro - fess - ing and at one ta - ble fed, to
 saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?" But
 with the vi - sion glo - rious our long - ing eyes are blest, and
 hap - py ones, and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we like

liv - ing ser - vant peo - ple, by his own death set free.
 one hope al - ways press - ing, by Christ's own Spir - it led.
 soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 them the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

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

John 15:12-17

HYMN 408

The Gift of Love
Stanza 1 sung as children come forward

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 408

The Gift of Love
Stanza 3 sung as children return to their seats

SERMON

But Do They Know You?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, please join in the response:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

In baptism,

God names us as God's own beloved children;
God promises to be our God
and welcomes us into the family of Christ;
God makes Christ's death and resurrection for us
present to us and at work in us.

In the baptism of adults,
we recognize that through grace,
it is never too late to acknowledge and receive
the grace of God that has already been active
throughout our lives.

This sign-act marks the saving action of God,
through water and the spirit,
setting us on the path of new life in Christ.

Emily, on this day of your Baptism,
we invite you to publicly profess your faith in Jesus Christ:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

Do you as Christ's church reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture Emily in the Christian faith and life,
praying for her, teaching her, and leading her
in acts of service and mission?

We will.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISM WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Emily Kathryn Grantham

ANointing WITH OIL

*Following the biblical custom of anointing prophets (I Kings 19:36), priests (Exodus 29:7)
and kings (I Kings 1:39), candidates are anointed at their baptism as a reminder that
all Christians share in the royal, prophetic, priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.*

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

*A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized to signify that the
light of the One who overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in their life.*

Having affirmed your faith and received the sacrament of baptism,
we now invite you to unite with us in the journey of discipleship,
and so we ask you to make these vows of membership:

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

As a member of this congregation,
will you uphold it by your prayers, your presence, your gifts,
your service, and your witness?

I will.

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Emily,

**we give thanks that God has claimed you
with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
and we will never let you forget that!**

**We rejoice to welcome you as our sibling
in the family of Christ.**

Our story is now your story:

**you have ridden in the ark with Noah;
you have passed through the sea with Moses;
Christ's death and resurrection for you are at work in you,
transforming you into the image of God.**

Grow with us in grace,
 confess Christ crucified,
 proclaim his resurrection,
 and share with us in his royal priesthood.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
 for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
 hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child;
 friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given,
 graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

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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! 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!

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

In Christ There Is No East of West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north;
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com - mun - ion find;
3. In Christ is neith - er Jew nor Greek, and neith - er slave nor free;
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
both male and fe - male heirs are made, and all are kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

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Music: *St. Peter*, Alexander R. Reinagle

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Thomas and Kaitlyn Mills in honor of their son, Truitt, on his first birthday celebrated today!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend John Hathaway

Music: Scott Davis

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