

from dust to destiny

six weeks in the stories of Genesis

September 27, 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

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

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing! fresh from the Word!
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!

* CALL TO WORSHIP

While I live I will praise the Lord;
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
Praise ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

The One who made heaven and earth and sea;
the One who keeps truth forever.
Praise ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

The One who makes justice for the oppressed;
the One who feeds the hungry.
Praise ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

The One who protects the stranger;
the One who upholds the widow and orphan.
Praise ye the Lord.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Let us worship God together!

* HYMN

Gathered Here to Share Our Music

1. Gath - ered here to share our mu - sic, gath - ered here in
 2. Songs of faith and hope u - nite us; songs of heal - ing
 3. Learn - ing, grow - ing here to - geth - er, var - ied gifts en -
 4. Shar - ing songs from man - y plac - es, mov - ing in a

u - i - ty, we have come from var - ied cul - tures,
 set us free; break - ing walls and build - ing bridg - es,
 rich - ing all, we ex - plore the power of mu - sic,
 cir - cle wide, we dis - cov - er worlds of beau - ty,

blessed by our di - ver - si - ty. Blend - ing man - y gifts and
 we cre - ate com - mu - ni - ty. With the sa - cred Spit - it
 faith - ful to our sa - cred call. Like the man - y notes con -
 with our lib - er - at - ing Guide. As we join the cos - mic

voic - es, sing - ing peace for all the earth, we will
 dwell - ing deep in us and ev - ery - where, we are
 verg - ing, blend - ing in a sym - pho - ny, all our
 cho - rus, hope springs up, sur - prise a - bounds; all cre -

join the Spir - it's la - bor, giv - ing new cre - a - tion birth.
 filled with lov - ing - kind - ness, peace and joy for all to share.
 cul - tures, all tra - di - tions join in grace - filled har - mo - ny.
 a - tion now is sing - ing, earth trans - formed with joy re - sounds.

ANTHEM

Sing Together! Psallite!

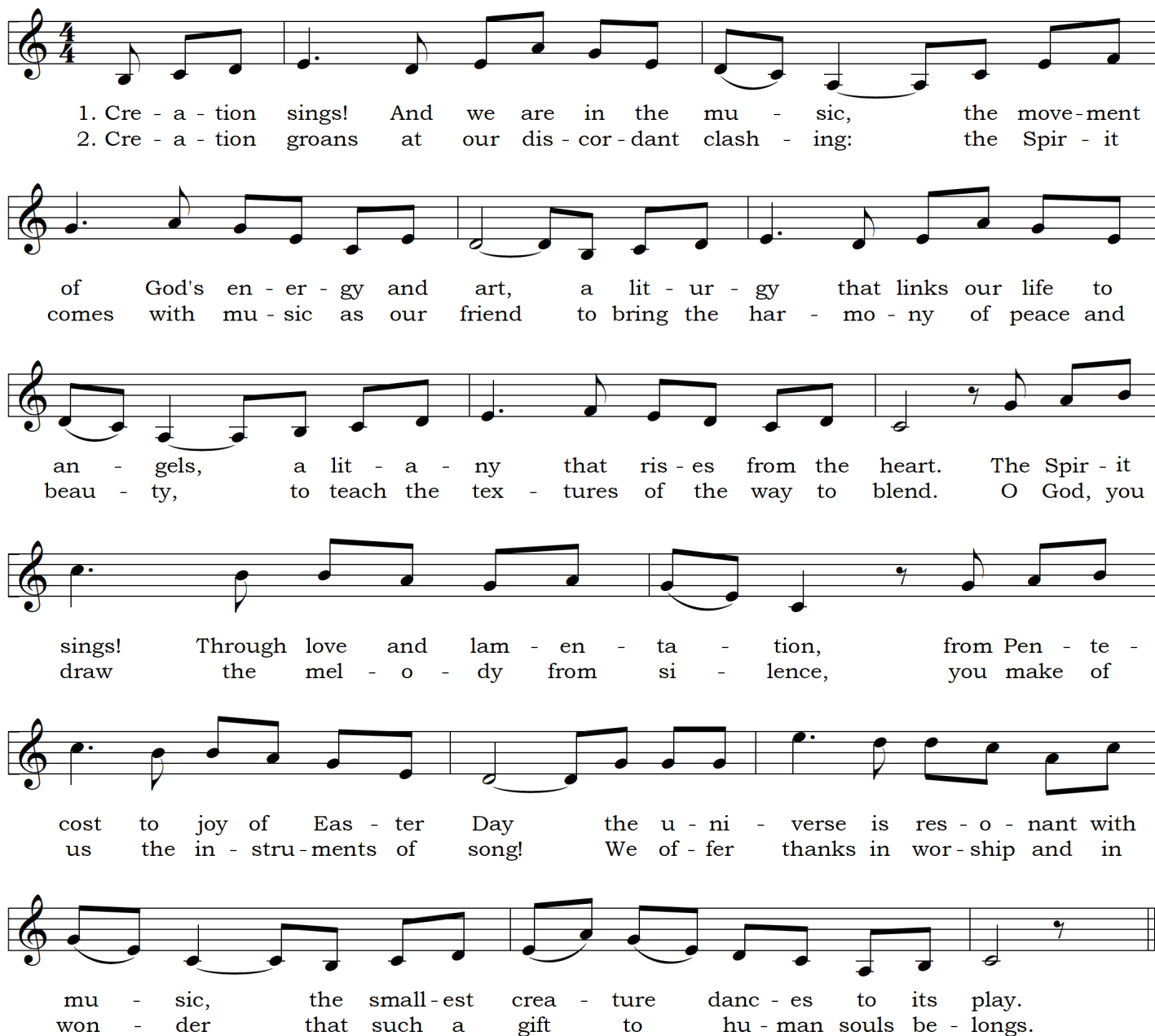
Gaudeamus hodie!
Let us rejoice today!
Sing together! Psallite!
Sing together! Make Music!
Joyful music we are bringing!
On this day together singing!
Alleluia! Sing we all on this day!

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

Creation Sings



1. Cre - a - tion sings! And we are in the mu - sic, the move - ment
2. Cre - a - tion groans at our dis - cor - dant clash - ing: the Spir - it

of God's en - er - gy and art, a lit - ur - gy that links our life to
comes with mu - sic as our friend to bring the har - mo - ny of peace and

an - gels, a lit - a - ny that ris - es from the heart. The Spir - it
beau - ty, to teach the tex - tures of the way to blend. O God, you

sings! Through love and lam - en - ta - tion, from Pen - te -
draw the mel - o - dy from si - lence, you make of

cost to joy of Eas - ter Day the u - ni - verse is res - o - nant with
us the in - stru - ments of song! We of - fer thanks in wor - ship and in

mu - sic, the small - est crea - ture danc - es to its play.
won - der that such a gift to hu - man souls be - longs.

MINISTRY MOMENT

Music Ministry

ANTHEM

My Song in the Night

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,
come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight.
Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call.
My comfort by day and my song in the night.
O why should I wander, a stranger from thee,
or cry in the desert, thy face to see?
My comfort and joy, my soul's delight.

ANTHEM

Sing Unto God

Sing unto God, let joyful voices raise
a song of gladness with unending praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit,
enliven us,
energize us,
and focus our attention.

Come, Holy Spirit,
prepare our hearts
to meet the living God.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 26:12-25

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL 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, November 15, 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.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

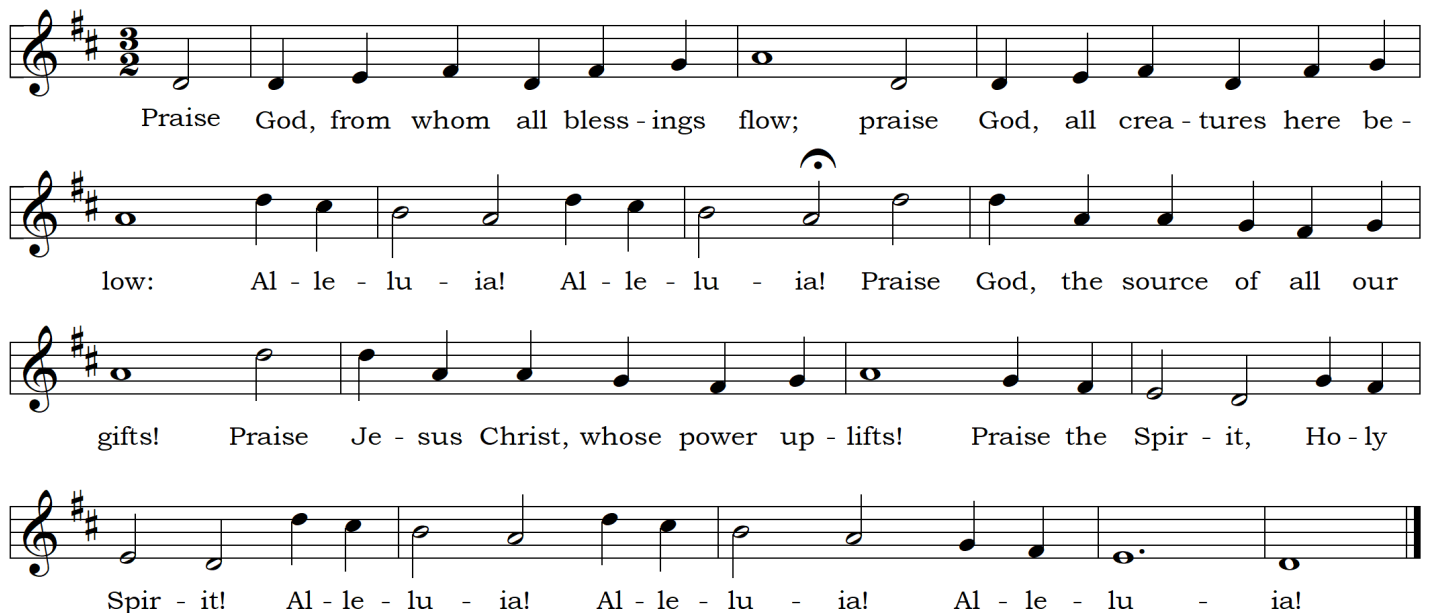
OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Music Down In My Soul

I hear music in the air.
I can feel it in the air.
There must be a God somewhere.
Over my head I hear singing in the air.
I got this music down in my soul;
and it fills my heart with the joy of the Lord!
I've got it joy everlasting.
I've got it peace everlasting.
I've got it love everlasting.
Do you love the Lord?
I love the Lord!

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings 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!

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by the Downtowners Sunday School Class in appreciation of the Modern Families Sunday School Class.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Music: Scott Davis

Offertory: Adam Buttyan and Alan Schlichting

Children's Choir: Roxie Garza

Children's Choir Pianist: Susannah Willms

WORSHIP MUSIC

Morning Has Broken

Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic Melody; Arr. Alec Wyton

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Gathered Here to Share Our Music

Words: Jane Aldredge-Clanton

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Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril V. Taylor

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Sing Together! Psallite!

Words: Christian Friedrich Henrici

Music: Johann Sebastian Bach ed.; Arr. Patrick Liebergen

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Creation Sings

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Music: *Londonderry Air*, Traditional Irish Melody

My Song in the Night

Words: Joseph Swain and Frederick A. Graves

Music: *Expression*, Traditional American Folk Tune; Arr. Elaine Hagenberg

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Sing Unto God

Words: Thomas Morell

Music: George Frideric Handel (HWV 63) Judas Maccabeus; Arr. James J. Chepponis

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Music Down In My Soul

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual "Over My Head"; Arr. Moses Hogan

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken; Adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira

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

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 available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers from 8:45AM-12:15PM. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.