



August 9, 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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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

Come, O Come, In Celebration

Come, O come, in celebration, household of the one true God,
in commitment and rejoicing let us go where Christ has trod.
As we act in faith and reverence, let us, Lord, the future see;
fit us for the work of building, dedicate us to the task.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome, friend and stranger —
welcome, honored guest.

We gather as a community to worship God,
to be reminded of God’s goodness,
to be reminded of the call
to be a part of that goodness.

Let us worship God.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love,
as we hear your Word today,
quiet the many voices that compete for our attention.
Open our hearts,
renew our minds,
and shape us more fully into the likeness of Christ.
May your Spirit speak through the scriptures,
and may we have the courage to respond.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-19

SERMON

Practicing Gratitude, Finding Wholeness

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

How Can I Keep from Singing
Suzanne Barnard

* 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 lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures 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 bless - ings flow; praise God, all crea - tures here be -
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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 consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. 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.' The staves are labeled 'Celebrant' and 'All'.

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:

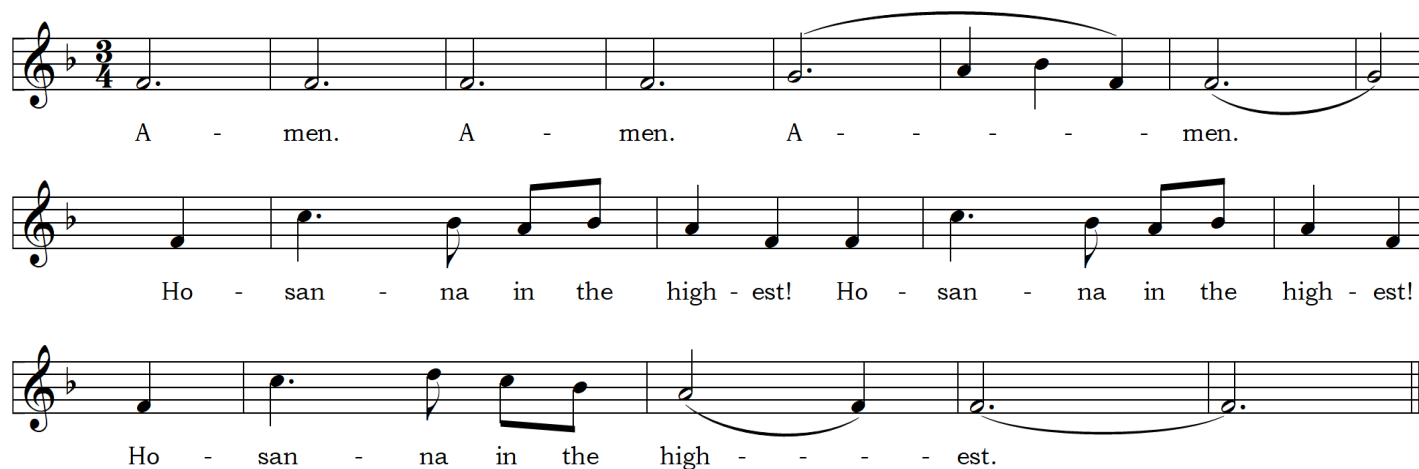
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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.

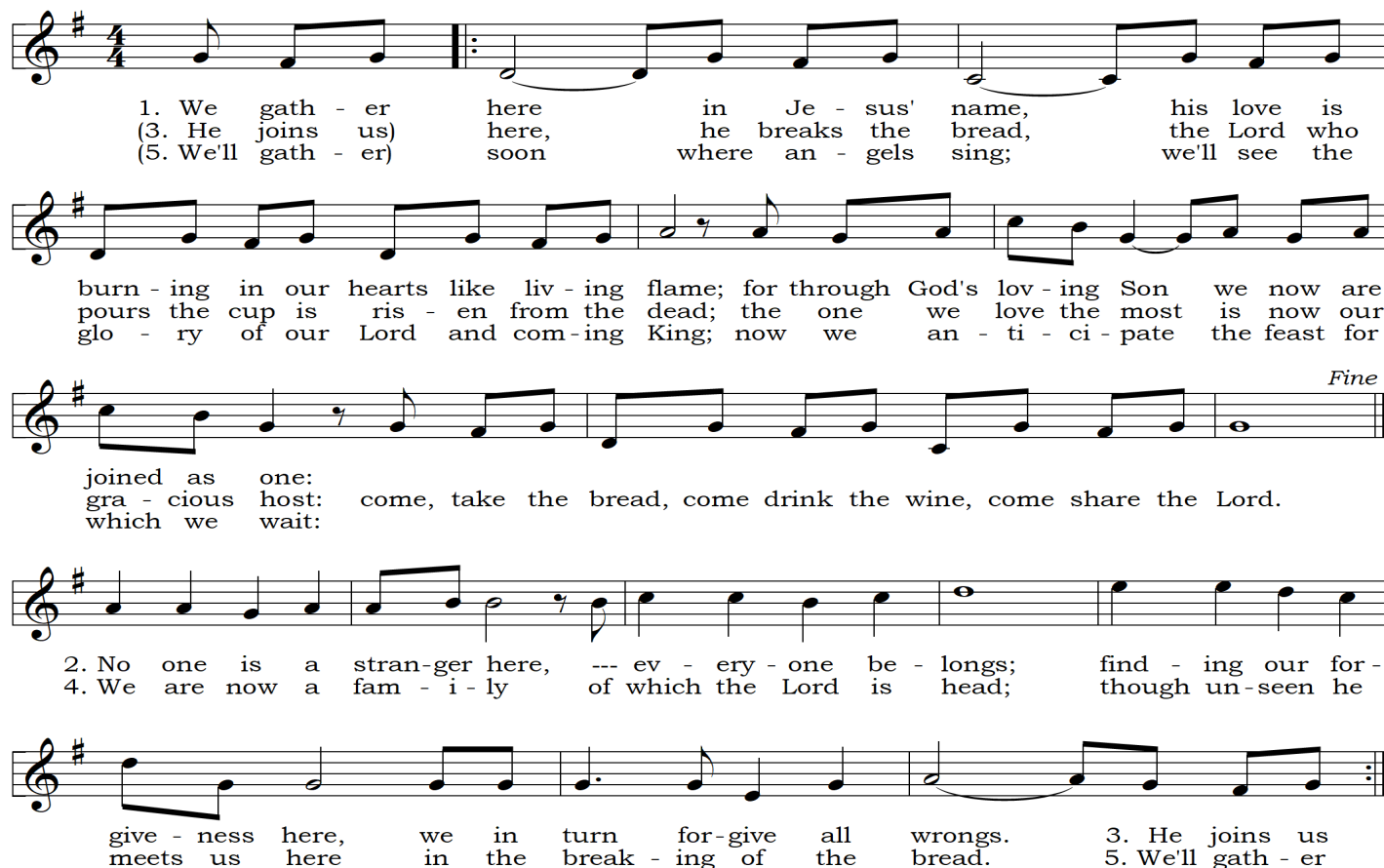
The image shows three staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat. The first staff contains the lyrics 'A - - men. A - - men. A - - - - - men.' with a long note for 'men.' in the third phrase. The second staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est!' with a melodic line. The third staff contains 'Ho - san - na in the high - - - - est.' with a long note for '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

Come Share the Lord



1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name, his love is
(3. He joins us) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who
(5. We'll gath - er) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the

burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through God's lov - ing Son we now are
pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we love the most is now our
glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King; now we an - ti - ci - pate the feast for

Fine
joined as one:
gra - cious host: come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
which we wait:

2. No one is a stran - ger here, --- ev - ery - one be - longs; find - ing our for -
4. We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is head; though un - seen he

give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs. 3. He joins us
meets us here in the break - ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath - er

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Ayudanos O Dios



*A - yu - da-nos, O Dios, con - cé - de-nos tu paz. A - yu - da-nos, O

Dios, con - cé - de-nos tu paz. A - paz. O help us, save us,

grant us peace, O God! A - yu - da-nos, help us, grant us peace, O

God! A - yu - da-nos, O Dios, con - cé - de nos tu paz.

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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 August.
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

We Go with God's Blessing

See Slides

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Steve Tackett in honor and celebration of the birthdays of his wife, Pam, on August 4 and his daughter, Cara, on August 8.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Melissa Spence

Liturgist: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Cantors: Scott Davis, Victoria Tijerina-Gordon, Sarah Urías

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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