



April 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.

LEARN MORE AT
www.fumcaustin.org

GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

Organ Concerto No. 6

George Frideric Handel

(Movements 1 and 3)

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

I Will Worship You, Lord

I will worship you, Lord, with all of my might,

I will praise you with a psalm;

I will worship you, Lord, with all of my might,

I 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.

We will worship you, Lord.

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

We walk the long road between fear and hope,
between loss and resurrection.

We are not alone on the journey.

Christ comes to walk beside us,
opening our hearts and our eyes.

The risen Christ is among us.

Let us recognize his presence and rejoice.

Let us worship God!

*** HYMN 303**

The Day of Resurrection

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

Luke 24:13-35

*** HYMN 162**

Alleluia, Alleluia

*Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated
as children come forward.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Faith Milestone: Presentation of Bible to Hayes Crisp

* HYMN 162

Alleluia, Alleluia

*Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated
as children return to their seats.*

SERMON

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, May 3, 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

All Things New

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
strength after weakness, crown after cross;
sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
home after wandering, praise after tears.
Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
he is making all things new,
springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
Sight after mystery, sun after rain,
joy after sorrow, peace after pain.
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
love after loneliness, life after tomb.

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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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 318

Christ Is Alive

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Mack Hicks and Julie Nelson
in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary on April 21.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend John Hathaway

Scripture Reader

Doug Camp

Music

Scott Davis

Gathering Voluntary

Tim Wilborn

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.