



# FOUNDATION for the FUTURE

**May 10, 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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### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

A word of encouragement  
came from prophet to people:  
**Live a life that is full –**  
**build, plant, eat, love, multiply!**  
Pray for your communities.  
**Keep God in the center of all that is.**  
We enter into worship today  
with hope in our hearts  
**For here we are reminded**  
**that we can live as God desires.**  
God has made a promise of faithfulness to us  
**and we can trust the promise.**

Henrietta Stith Andrews

\* HYMN

Christ Loves the Church

1. Christ loves the church, with grace be - yond all mea - sure.  
2. Christ feeds the church, and fills us with a vis - ion,  
3. Christ needs the church, to live and tell his sto - ry,

We bear his name, for all the world to see.  
through praise and preach - ing, wine and bro - ken bread,  
to praise his love and mar - vel at his trust,

He will not let us go or let us be,  
of shar - ing peo - ple, do - ing what they've said,  
till, bathed in light, a - wak - ened from the dust,

but choos - es earth - en ves - sels for his trea - sure.  
who win the world's re - spect, or op - po - si - tion.  
we walk with God, a - live in grace and glo - ry.

Christ loves the church, with grace be - yond all mea - sure.  
Christ feeds the church and fills us with a vi - sion.  
Christ needs the church to live and tell his sto - ry.

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Music: *Geneva 124*, Genevan Psalter; Harm. C. Winfred Douglas

# 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

Jeremiah 29:4-11

## SERMON

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Jan Berger

## RESPONDING IN FAITH

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*As we pray, please join in the response:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

## 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. 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](http://fumcaustin.org/first-steps).*

## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

## OFFERTORY

Grace Alone

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make is only by God's grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing that we share is only by God's grace.  
Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown God will provide.  
Christ in us, our Cornerstone, we will go forth in grace alone.  
Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
everywhere we share God's peace is only by God's grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,  
every sorrow turned to praise is only by God's grace.

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## \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures 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

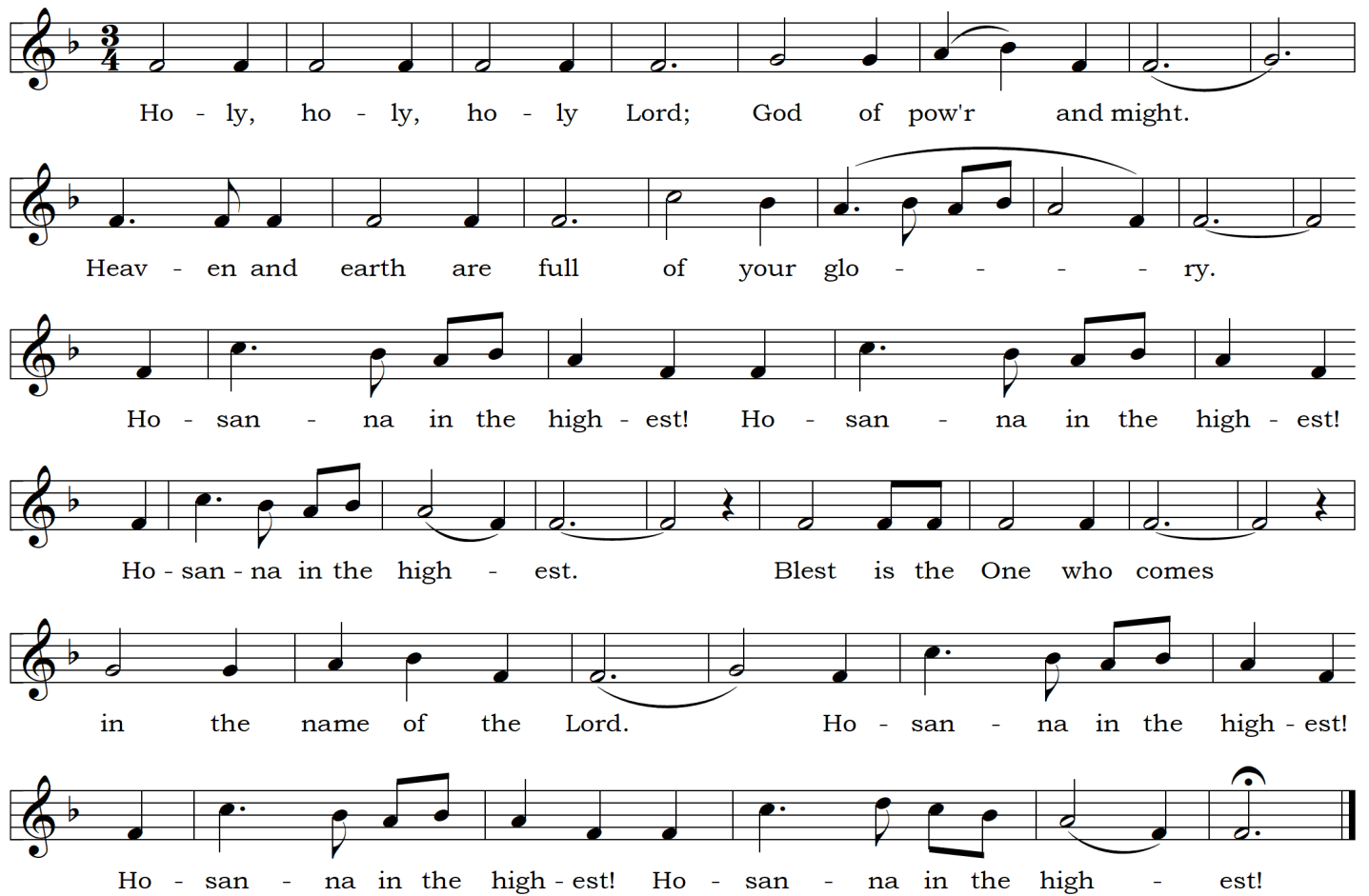
## FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *All* And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *All* We lift them up to the Lord.  
*Celebrant* 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.*

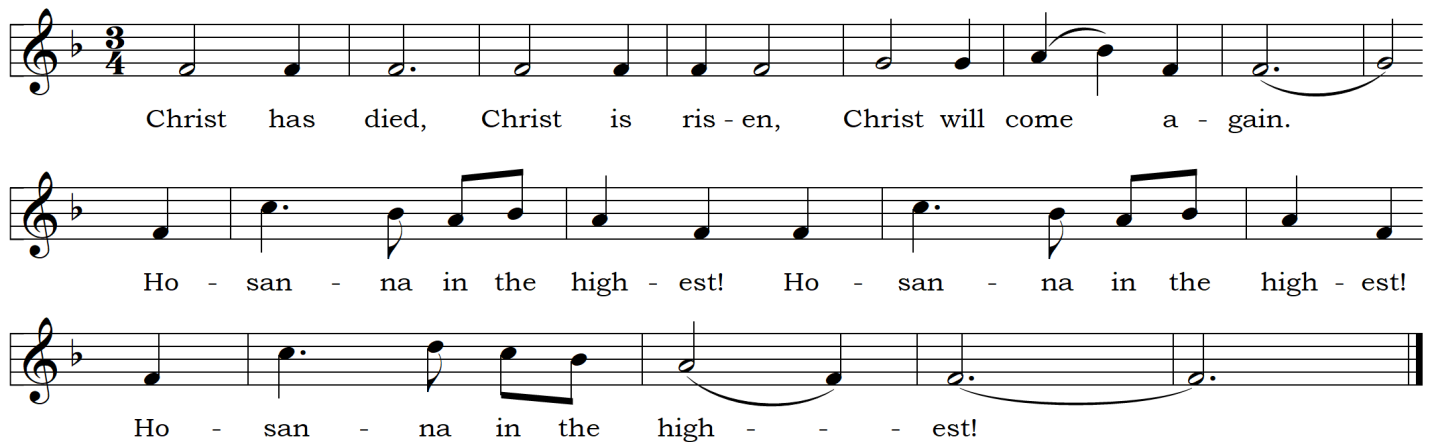
...And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 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, bro-ken and shared, life for the world.



Let us be wine, love free-ly poured. Let us be one in the Lord.\_\_\_\_



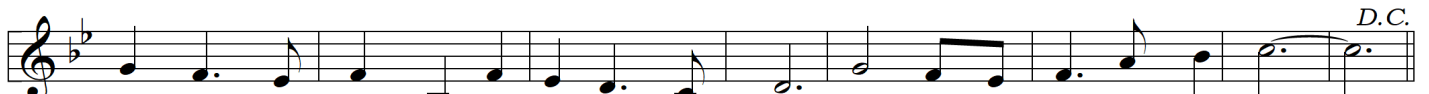
1. I am the bread of life, bro-ken for all. Eat now and hun-ger no more.\_\_\_\_



2. You are my friends if you keep my com-mands, no long-er ser - vants but friends.



3. See how my peo-ple have noth-ing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.\_\_\_\_



4. As God has loved me so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.\_\_\_\_

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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 May.**

**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 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

## VOLUNTARY

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## CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Will Binford in celebration of his and Alison's 17th wedding anniversary and to honor all mothers, especially Pam, Beth, and Alison.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

*Preacher:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgist:* Reverend Cathy Stone

*Cantors:* Scott Davis and Alan Schlichting

## GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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## ***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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

