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*March 8, 2026*  
*9:00AM*

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### 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

Eternal Lord of Love

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.

Words: Thomas H. Cain

Music: *Old 124th*; Harm. Charles Winfred Douglas

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, let us worship God!

**Let us make a joyful noise  
to the rock of our salvation!**

Come, let us worship our Shepherd!

**We are the sheep of God’s pasture,  
and we follow where God leads us.**

Come, let us open our hearts!

**We receive God’s love  
poured into our hearts through the Spirit.**

Come, let us worship God, the rock of our salvation!

**Let us worship God,  
whose mercy guides and sustains us n the path of new life!**

Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2025

### \* HYMN 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord,  
your Word is a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path.

Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,  
and strength to follow on the path you set before us;  
through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

John 4:5-29, 39

**SERMON**

**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. 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).*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD**

**OFFERTORY**

Show Us How to Love

Hearts open, minds awake,  
change us now for heaven's sake.  
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake.  
Show us how to love.  
Heart's open, souls awake,  
rules we made we now must break.  
With our very own lives at stake  
we must learn to love.  
Eyes open, shocked awake,  
much to learn from our mistakes.  
Draw us closer in our heartache.  
Show us how to love.

Words: Lindy Thompson

Music: Mark A. Miller

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**\* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and low.



Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one.

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Music: *Old 100th*; Attr. Louis Bourgeois

# FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

## \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 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.

## RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

### All Who Hunger



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest.  
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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### Come Away from Rush and Hurry



1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's  
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our



peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re -  
soul. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made



lease. Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied  
whole. At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly



pace; come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.  
fed. With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.

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Music: *Beach Spring*, attr. B. F. White





**ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 30**

A traditional symbol of Easter, the lily is a flower that seemingly dies away, then returns with new life each year.

You are invited to place lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday to the glory of God and in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Plants cost \$20 each and are florist quality and great for replanting so you can enjoy them long after Easter. You may order lilies by filling in the form below and placing it in basket during the offering or mailing it to the church office; by contacting Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226); or by using the QR code. If paying by check, please write "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check.



Orders must be received by 10:00AM on Monday, March 30. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00AM worship service on Easter Sunday, April 5.

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Name of donor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number (in case of questions)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)

The lily is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
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The lily is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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