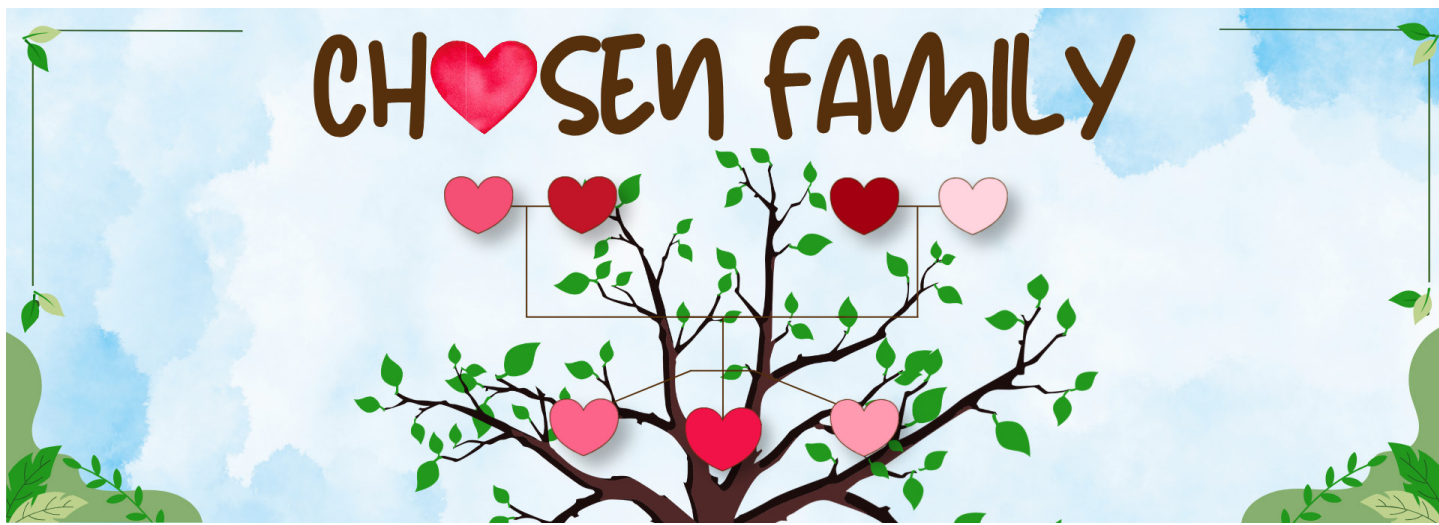




July 12, 2026
9:00AM

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

Church of God

Church of God, chosen people,
sing your praise to God.
God has called you out of darkness
into marvelous light!
Come people of God, with joyful song,
praise God, Creator of all.
God calls us now to follow Christ,
let hearts be filled with joy!

Words: Sr. Pamela Stotter, alt.

Music: Margaret Daly

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to God
to give thanks for what is good.
We come to God
to cry out for what is wrong.

We come to God
to ask for help and restoration.
We come to God
with aching hearts and glad souls.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

1. Come, sin - ners, to the gos - pel feast; let ev - ery soul be Je - sus' guest; ye
2. Sent by my Lord, on you I call; the in - vi - ta - tion is to all; come,
3. Come, all ye souls by sin op - pressed, ye rest - less wan - derers af - ter rest; ye
4. My mes - sage as from God re - ceive; ye all may come to Christ and live; O
5. This is the time; no more de - lay! This is the Lord's ac - cept - ed day; come

need not one be left be - hind, for God hath called all hu - man-kind.
all the world! come, sin - ner, thou! All things in Christ are read - y now.
poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind, in Christ a heart - y wel - come find.
let his love your hearts con - strain, nor suf - fer him to die in vain.
thou, this mo - ment, at his call, and live for him who died for all.

Words: Charles Wesley, alt.

Music: *Winchester New*, Musikalisches Hamburg; Arr. William Havergal

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

In baptism,

God names us as God's own beloved children;

God promises to be our God and welcomes us into the family of Christ;

God makes Christ's death and resurrection for us present to us and at work in us.

The baptism of believers' children

especially makes visible the prevenient nature of grace—

that God reaches out to, and accepts, us

before we reach out to, and accept, God.

At the same time, in baptism,

we acknowledge for ourselves and our children

the gift and claim of God's grace,

and we commit ourselves and our children

to live out of God's grace as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thus, baptism marks the birth, at any age,

of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION

Who is presented for baptism?

Jack Dominick Jargo

Child of Travis and Amy Jargo

PARENT'S RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Because the role of parents and the church
is crucial to a child's experience of grace,
we ask you to re-commit yourself
to the vows of the baptismal covenant:

Do you re-affirm your renunciation of sin
and your confession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior,
putting your whole trust in his grace,
and promising to serve him as your Lord,
by loving others as Christ loved you
and resisting evil, injustice, and oppression?

We do.

Do you commit yourselves to work for God's reign on earth
through the church, which Christ has opened to all people,
participating actively in its ministries
with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

We do.

Will you nurture your child in Christ's Church,
that by your teaching and example,
he may grow to know the grace of God,
profess his faith in Christ openly,
and live as a faithful disciple of Christ's church?

We will.

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

Do you as Christ's church reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture this child in the Christian faith and life,
praying for him, teaching him, and leading him
in acts of service and mission?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

We will surround Jack
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.

We will pray for him,
that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.

BAPTISM WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANointing WITH OIL

Following the biblical custom of anointing prophets (I Kings 19:36), priests (Exodus 29:7) and kings (I Kings 1:39), candidates are anointed at their baptism as a reminder that all Christians share in the royal, prophetic, priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized to signify that the light of the One who overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in their life.

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Jack,
we give thanks that God has claimed you
with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
and we will never let you forget that!

We rejoice to welcome you as our sibling
in the family of Christ.

Our story is now your story:
you have ridden in the ark with Noah;
you have passed through the sea with Moses;
Christ's death and resurrection for you are at work in you,
transforming you into the image of God.

Grow with us in grace,
confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his royal priesthood.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God,
as we hear the scriptures read and proclaimed,
help us recognize your voice calling us
into the family you are creating—
a community bound by grace, love, and discipleship.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:13-22

SERMON

Choose Church?

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

You Do Not Walk Alone

May you see God's light on the path ahead
when the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear, even in your hour of sorrow,
the gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard
may hardness never turn your heart to stone,
may you always remember
when the shadows fall you do not walk alone.

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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! 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!

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a fermata over the final note. The third and fourth staves continue the melody and lyrics.

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

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.

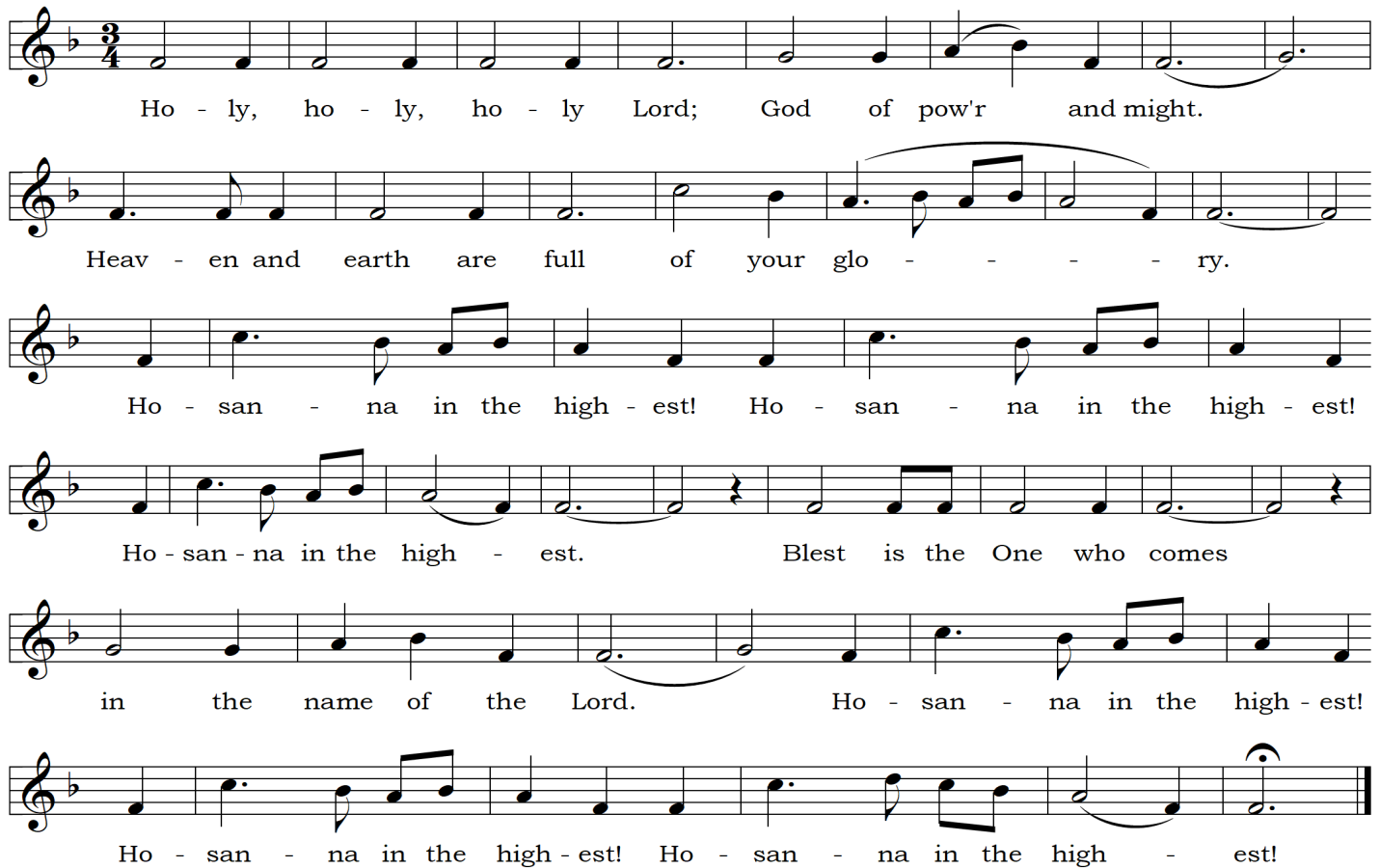
Celebrant *All*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical score is written on three staves in B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'All'. The second staff is also divided into 'Celebrant' and 'All'. The third staff is divided into 'Celebrant' and 'All'. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a fermata over the final note. The third staff continues the melody and lyrics.

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!

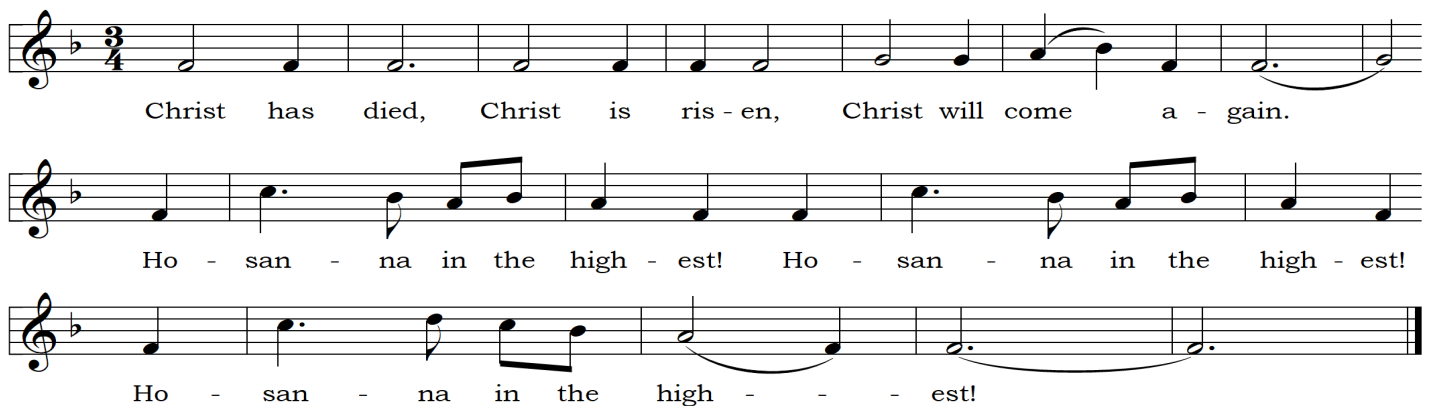
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes

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:



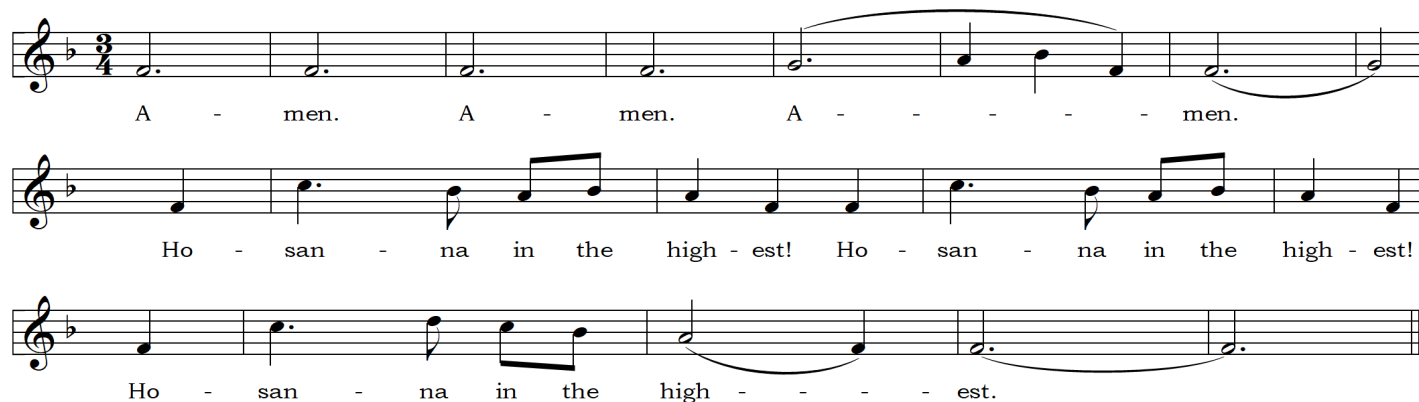
Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

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.



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

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Nearer, My God, to Thee

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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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.

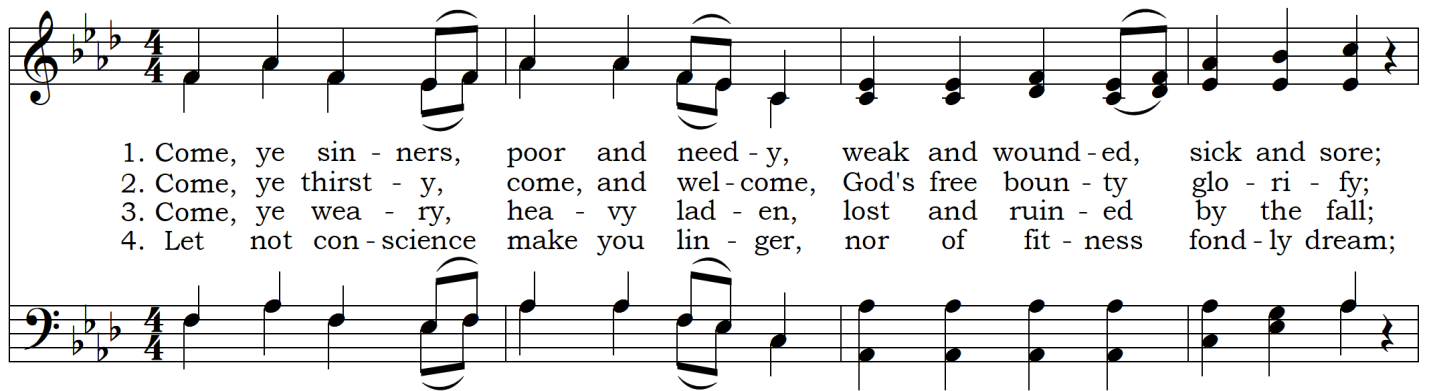
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

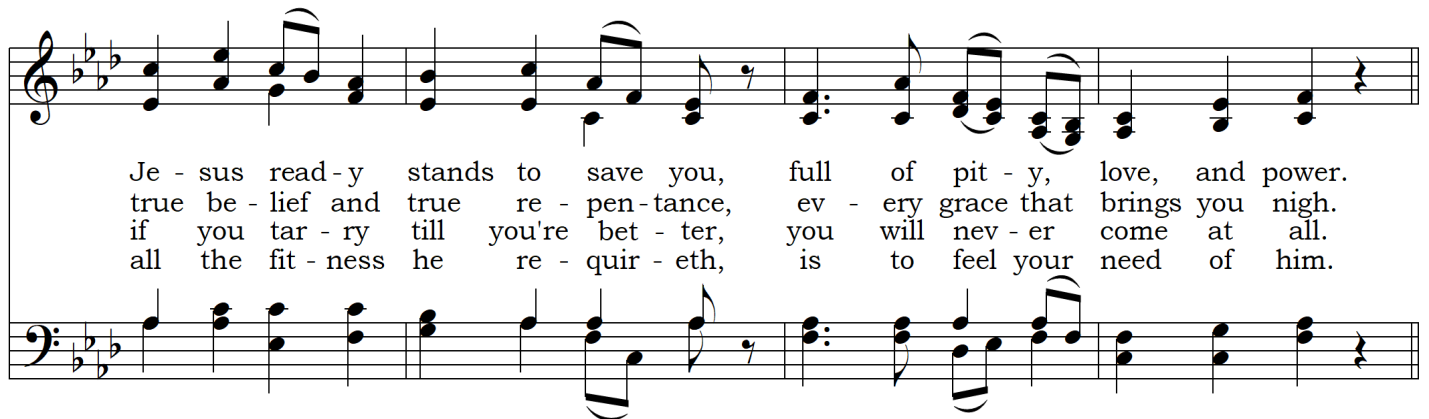
* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
 3. Come, ye wea - ry, hea - vy lad - en, lost and ruin - ed by the fall;
 4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;

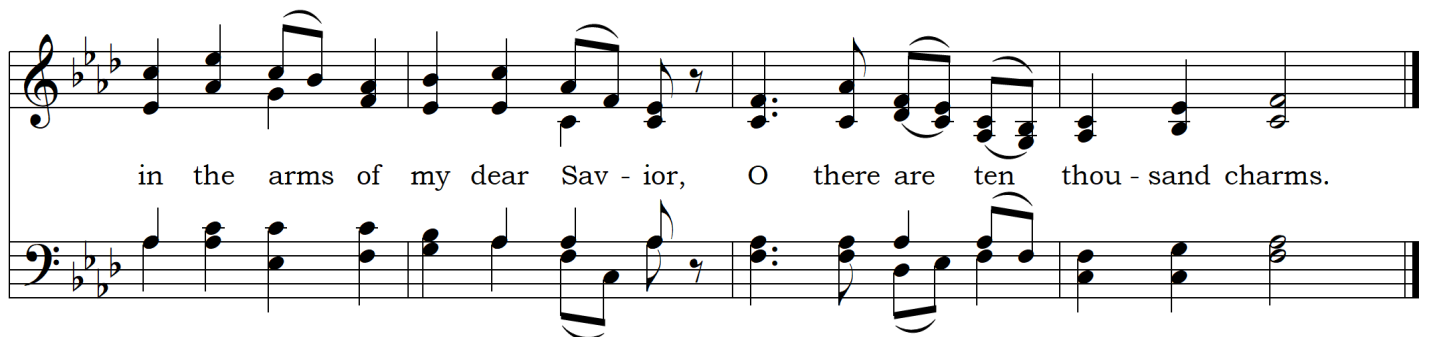


Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.
 true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
 if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
 all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth, is to feel your need of him.

Refrain



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, he will em - brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

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VOLUNTARY

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Laura Velez in honor of Lara Greene who is celebrating her birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend John McMullen

Liturgist

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Cantors

Adam Buttyan

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GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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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. Visit fumcaustin.org/sundayschool.

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