



**April 5, 2026
9:00 and 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 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.*

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 or the QR code found on the front of the FUMC Weekly.

GATHERING VOLUNTARY Christ Has Conquered

Christ has conquered, Christ, our sovereign, Christ reigns forevermore!
Glory be to God, and to the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and forevermore world without end. Amen.

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Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

If God be for us, who can be against us?
He who did not spare his only Son, but gave him up for all.
Shall we not with him freely give us all things?
Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven alleluia!
Circled round with angel powers, alleluia!
Their triumphant Lord and ours, alleluia!
Christ has conquered death and sin, alleluia!
Take the King of Glory in, alleluia!

Words: Romans 8:31-32; Charles Wesley

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We Thank Thee, God

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

We thought the story was finished,
but the story has just begun!

We thought that hope had ended,
but hope is born anew!

We thought that death had won,
but love has claimed the victory!

Alleluia!
Christ is Risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Alleluia!

* HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UNISON 1. Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 PARTS 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 PARTS 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 UNISON 4. King of glo - ry, soul of bliss, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 UNISON 5. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Earth and heaven in cho - rus say, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Ev - er - last - ing life is this, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Thee to know, thy power to prove, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Where's thy vic - tory, boast - ing grave? Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Thus to sing, and thus to love, Al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: *Easter Hymn*, *Lyra Davidica*; Arr. Scott Davis © 1985, 1997, 2007, 2024 Scott Davis

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OPENING PRAYER

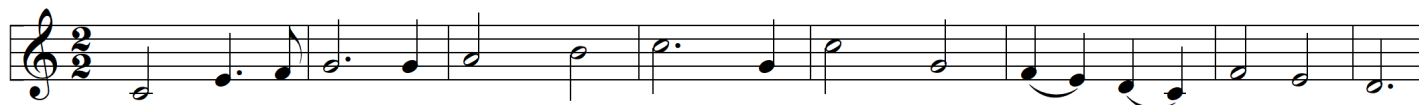
WELCOME

HEARING GOD'S WORD

HYMN

Christ Is Alive!

Sung seated as children come forward



1. Christ is a-live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands emp - ty to the sky.
2. Christ is a-live, and comes to bring good news to this and ev - ery age,



Let streets and homes with prais - es ring. His love in death shall ne - ver die.
till earth and all cre - a - tion ring with joy, with jus - tice, love and praise.

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Music: *Truro*, Psalmodia Evangelica

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

Alleluia

Sung seated as children return to their seats



O ris - en Christ, you now are here as in your gos - pel



you draw near; o - pen our ears your Word to hear.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Wright

Music: *Gelobt sei Gott*, Schönes Geistliches Gesangbuch; Harm. The Pilgrim Hymnal

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL 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. 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

OFFERING

To the Lamb on the Throne

Worthy the Lamb.

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol;
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

“Salvation to god, who sits on the throne!”
let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save;
though hid from our sight, his presence we have,
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Then let us adore and give him his right;
all glory and power, all wisdom and might:
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

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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

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In The United Methodist Church, everyone is welcome at the Lord's Table. It does not matter whether you are a member of this or any church. We welcome all, regardless of age or situation in life.

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You formed us in your image
and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
 your love remained steadfast.
 You delivered us from captivity,
 made covenant to be our sovereign God,
 brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey,
 and set before us the way of life.

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 power and God of might.
 Heaven and earth your glo - ry fills, al - - - le - lu - ia!
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san-na in the high - est! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Please be seated.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
 By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
 By your great mercy we have been born anew
 to a living hope through the resurrection of your Son from the dead
 and to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading.
 Once we were no people, but now we are your people,
 declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ,
 who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
 When the Lord Jesus ascended,
 he promised to be with us always,
 in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
 he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
 gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

On the day you raised him from the dead
he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread,
and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued
in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

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. Al - - - le - lu - ia!
Christ will come in vic - to - ry! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - - - men! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

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

After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.

Gluten-free bread is available at the left (north) side stations. As you approach the servers, please indicate which you would like to receive.

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING This Is the Feast

Antiphon

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
2. Sing with all the peo - ple of
3. For the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - - - tion.
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - - - ia!

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It includes a melodic line with lyrics underneath. There are three systems of music. The first system starts with the word 'Antiphon' and contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second line of the hymn and three numbered verses. The third system contains the final line of the hymn. The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests and ties. A double bar line is present after the first line of the second system.

Words: Revelation 5:12-13; Trans. John W. Arthur

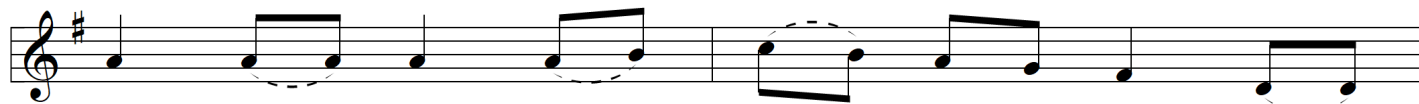
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Lord of the Dance



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3. I danced on the sab - bath when I cured the lame, the
 4. I danced on a Fri - day and the sky turned black; it's
 5. They cut me down and I leapt up high,



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I
 would not dance and they would not fol - low me; I
 ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame; they
 hard to dance with the dev - il on your back; they
 I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die; I'll



came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At
 danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John; they
 whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they
 bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone; but
 live in you if you'll live in me;



Beth - le - hem I had my birth. Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be;
 came to me and the dance went on.
 left me there on a cross to die.
 I am the dance and I still go on.
 I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher -



ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Words: Sydney Carter

Music: *Lord of the Dance*, Shaker Tune; Adapt. Sydney Carter

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter his the throne;
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, here on earth our food, our stay!
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, you the Lord of lords we own:

Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;
 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day:
 Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne:

Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
 though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,
 in - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
 you with - in the veil, have en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest:

Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 here on earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

Thank you, God,
for life in the Spirit of Jesus,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice you have made our own.
Give us the gifts of this holy communion—
oneness of heart,
love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and risen life that never ends.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE Hallelujah (*Messiah*)

Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ;
and he shall reign for ever and ever.
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
for ever and ever, hallelujah!

Words: Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16; Adapt. Charles Jennens

Music: George Frideric Handel

VOLUNTARY

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists: Reverend Cathy Stone and Reverend John Hathaway

Music: Scott Davis and Alan Schlichting

Trumpets: Sam Acosta, Nathaniel Mayfield, and Emily Tourgeman

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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