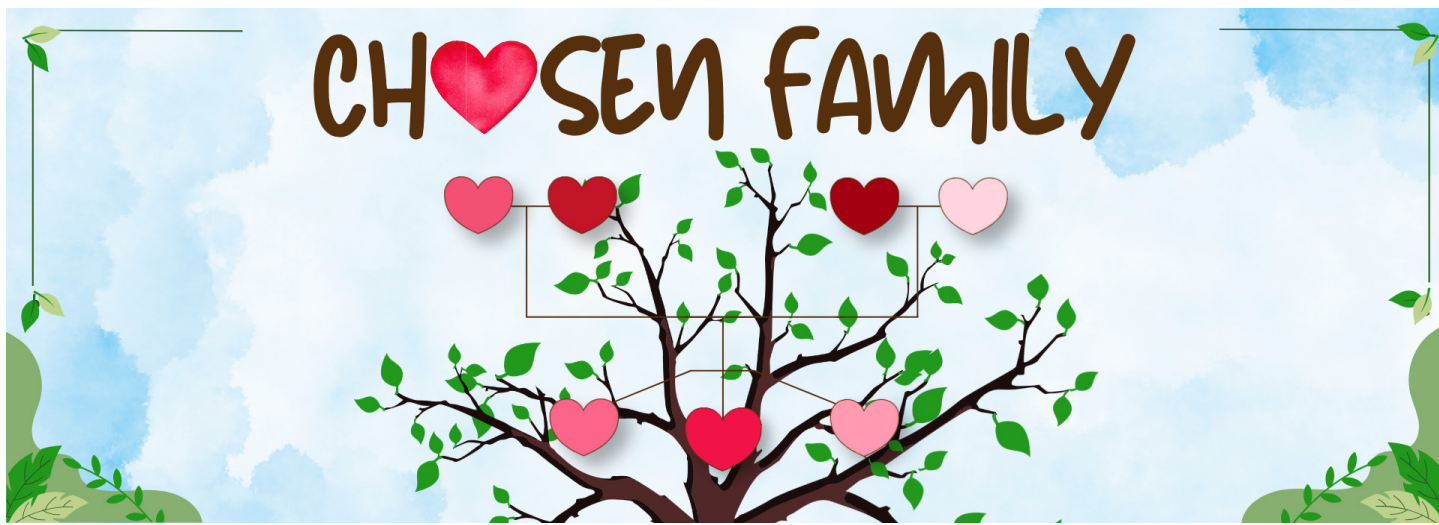




*June 7, 2026
11:00AM*

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.



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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

Symphony No. 3: Finale

Camille Saint-Saëns arr. Jonathan Scott

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

Welcome

Let's walk together for a while and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow and hope can enter in.
To be the hands of healing and to plant the seeds of peace.
Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
‘cause all of us are welcome here,
all are welcome in this place.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

As Abraham welcomed the strangers,
so God welcomes us.

God greets us with joy
and says, “Rest here for awhile.”

God brings out water to wash our dusty feet.
God prepares a meal to nourish our weary spirits.

So let us receive the gracious hospitality of our God.
Let us rest in this holy place.

* HYMN

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

1. Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for love were
 2. We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and cho - sen
 3. Great God, in Christ you call our name, and then re - ceive us as your
 4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and call us

made; your liv - ing like - ness still we bear, though
 wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains, by
 own; not through some mer - it, right, ner or claim, but
 friends; suf - fer and serve till all are fed, and

marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed; we come, with all our heart and
 so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by powers and sys - tems close con -
 by your gra - cious love a - lone; we strain to glimpse your mer - cy
 show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre - a - tion

mind, your call to hear, your love to find.
 fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man kind.
 seat, and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

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Music: *Old 113th*, attr. Matthäus Greiter

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.

SCRIPTURES

Genesis 18:1-15 and Hebrews 13:1-2

SERMON

An Open Seat and An Open Heart

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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

A Canticle of Love

This is my commandment
that you love one another as I have loved you.
Let love be genuine and live in harmony;
hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.
Outdo one another in showing honor;
be humble and never conceited.
Love is stronger than death
and jealousy is cruel as the grave.
Floods cannot drown love
and wealth cannot buy it.
Put love above all else;
let Christ's peace rule you hearts.
Always be forgiving
as Christ has forgiven you.
Love is not jealous or boastful, arrogant, rude or stubborn,
irritable, resentful or possessive.
Love is patient and kind.
Do not love in word of speech only;
love also in deed and truth.
Receive each other in sincerity.
Love rejoices in the right, it bears, believes, hopes,
and endures all things.
Happy are those who take refuge in God;
those who serve the Lord are redeemed.

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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!

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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. *All* 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 power and might. might.

Heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
 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.

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. gain.

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, a - - - men.

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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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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

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 634 Now Let Us from This Table Rise

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Jack and Dana Wagner in celebration of their June 2 wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Music: Scott Davis

Offertory: Alan Schlichtling, Victoria Tijerina-Gordon, and Sarah Urías

Gathering Voluntary: Tim Wilborn

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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