



August 2, 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.

LEARN MORE AT
www.fumcaustin.org

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

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing! fresh from the Word!
Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic Melody; Harm. Alec Wyton

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Every day our hearts and minds are shaped by the voices around us—
by our joys and worries,
by the news we hear,
by the people we love,
and by the choices we make.

Today, we come to be shaped by God's love.

We gather to remember
who we are and whose we are.

We open ourselves to God's transforming grace.

Come, let us worship the One
who calls us to love as Christ has loved us.

Let us worship God.

* HYMN 158

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love,
as we hear your Word today,
quiet the many voices that compete for our attention.
Open our hearts,
renew our minds,
and shape us more fully into the likeness of Christ.
May your Spirit speak through the scriptures,
and may we have the courage to respond.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 13:31-35

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. 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

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still;
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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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

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.

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:

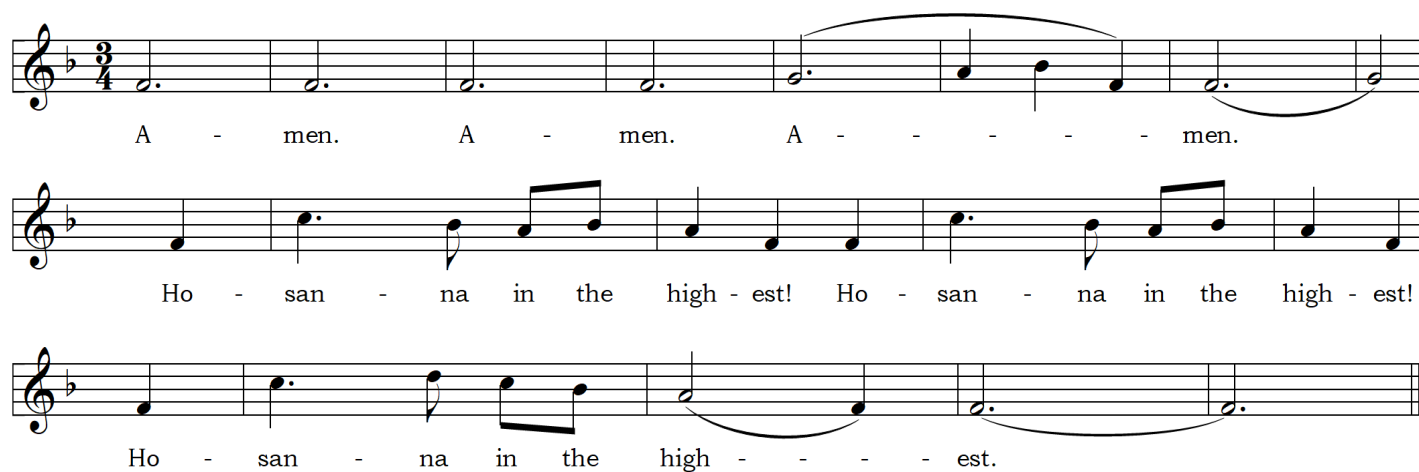
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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.

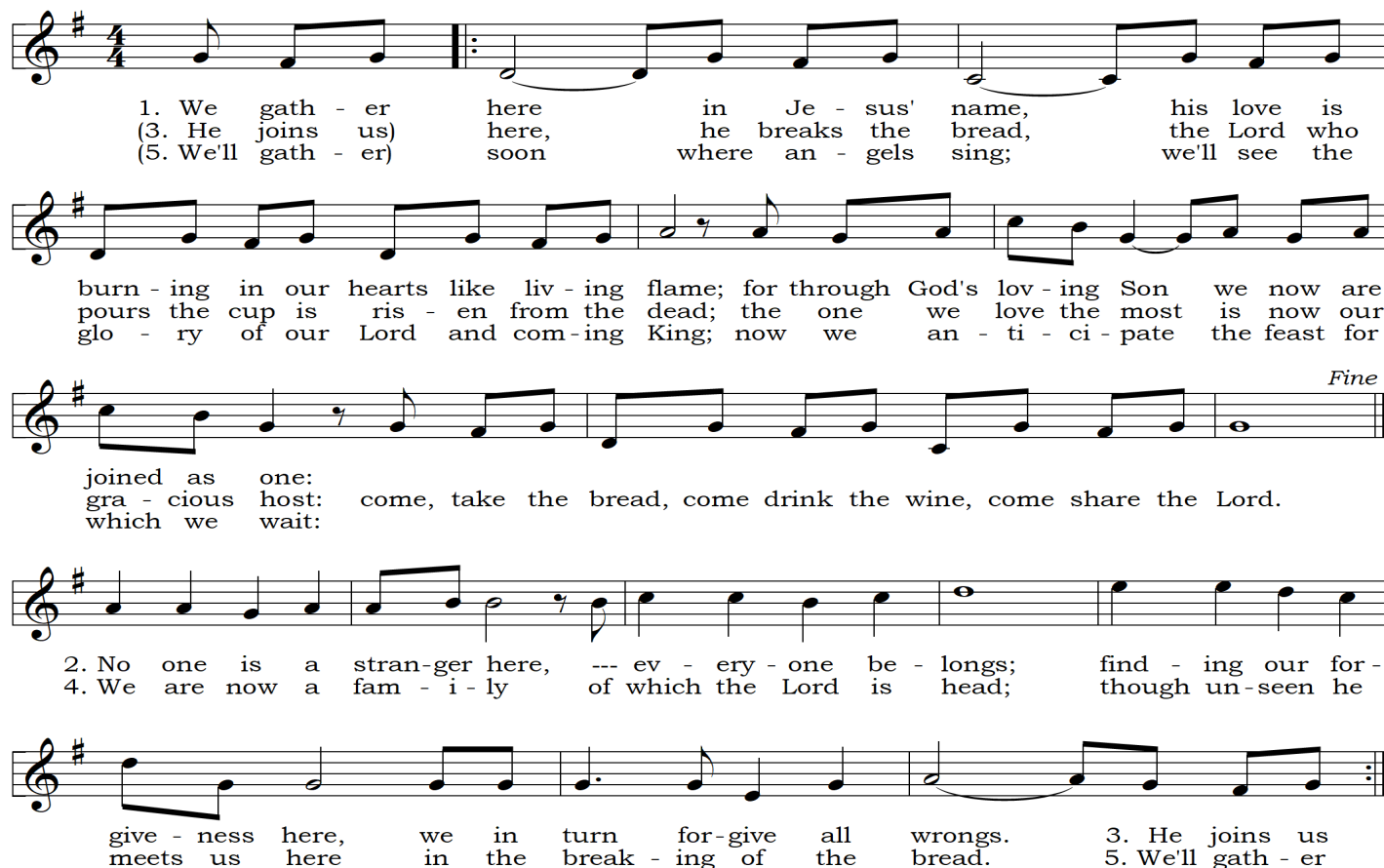


THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Come Share the Lord



1. We gath - er here in Je - sus' name, his love is
(3. He joins us) here, he breaks the bread, the Lord who
(5. We'll gath - er) soon where an - gels sing; we'll see the

burn - ing in our hearts like liv - ing flame; for through God's lov - ing Son we now are
pours the cup is ris - en from the dead; the one we love the most is now our
glo - ry of our Lord and com - ing King; now we an - ti - ci - pate the feast for

Fine
joined as one:
gra - cious host: come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
which we wait:

2. No one is a stran - ger here, --- ev - ery - one be - longs; find - ing our for -
4. We are now a fam - i - ly of which the Lord is head; though un - seen he

give - ness here, we in turn for - give all wrongs. 3. He joins us
meets us here in the break - ing of the bread. 5. We'll gath - er

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Ayudanos O Dios



*A - yu - da-nos, O Dios, con - cé - de-nos tu paz. A - yu - da-nos, O

Dios, con - cé - de-nos tu paz. A - paz. O help us, save us,

grant us peace, O God! A - yu - da-nos, help us grant us peace, O

God! A - yu - da-nos, O Dios, con - cé - de nos tu paz.

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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 159**

Lift High the Cross

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by the Drazic family in loving memory of Miles Drazic on what would have been his 22nd birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Cathy Stone

Liturgist

Reverend Melissa Spence

Cantors

Adam Buttyan, Scott Davis, and Sarah Urías

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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