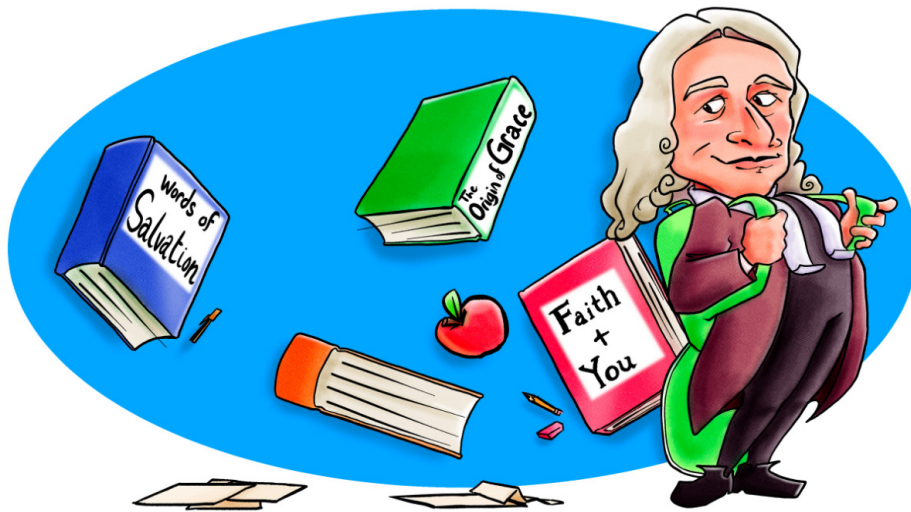




Packed with Grace

Wesleyan Theology
for Your Everyday Life

August 30, 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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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

We Will Worship You, Lord

We will worship you, Lord, with all of our might,
we will praise you with a psalm;
we will worship you, Lord, with all of our might,
we will praise you all day long.

For thou, O Lord, art glorious,
and thy name is greatly to be praised;
may our hearts be pure and holy in thy sight
as we worship you with all of our might.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

We long for living faith
and so we come to worship
hoping that our time together, our time with God
will help to unclench our fists
will slowly soften our hearts
will quiet our voices and open our ears.

Revive our faith, O God
that we might serve you with glad and joyful hearts.

Joanna Harader

* HYMN

For the Fruits of All Creation



1. For the fruits of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God;
 2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done;
 3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God;

for good gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God;
 in the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done;
 for the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God;

for the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 in our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 for the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Music: *Ar Hyd Y Nos*, Welsh Melody

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

James 2:14-17

SERMON

The Extracurriculars Aren't Extra

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

Simply Trusting

Simply trusting every day,
trusting through a stormy way,
even when my faith is small,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Trusting as the moments fly,
trusting as the days go by,
trusting him whate'er befall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Brightly does his Spirit shine
into this poor heart of mine,
while he leads, I cannot fall,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

Singing if my way is clear,
praying if the path be drear,
in his name, I pray, I call,
trusting Jesus, that is all.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings 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 the notes. The first staff ends with a fermata over the final note. The second staff has a fermata over the first 'Al - le - lu - ia!'. The third staff has a fermata over the final note. The fourth staff has a fermata over the final note.

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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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has a fermata over the final note. The second staff has a fermata over the final note. The third staff has a fermata over the final note.

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

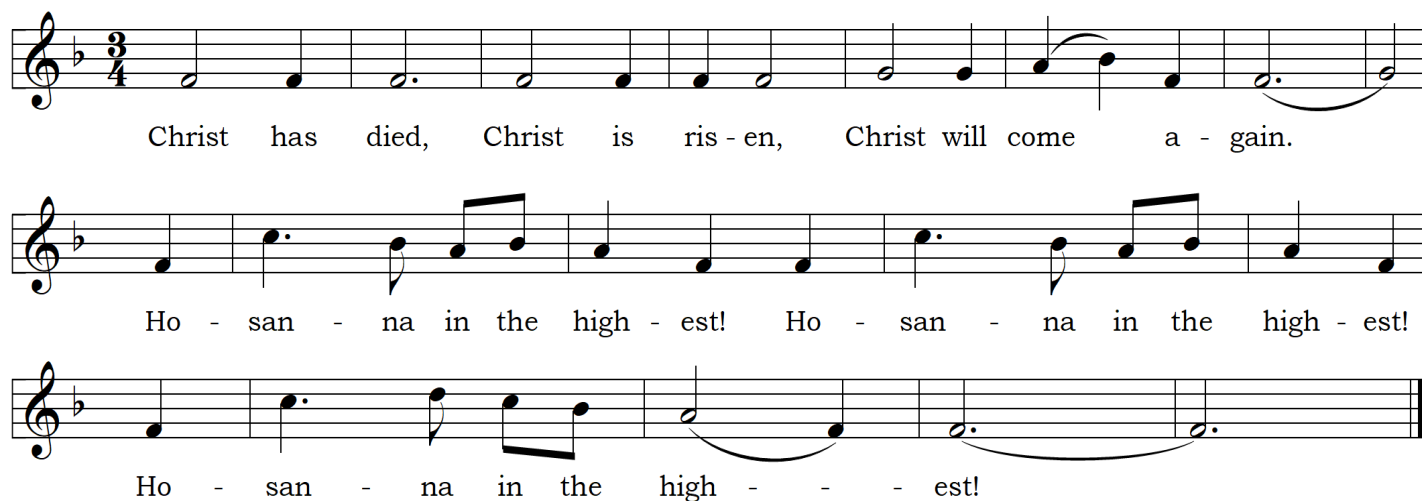
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

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:



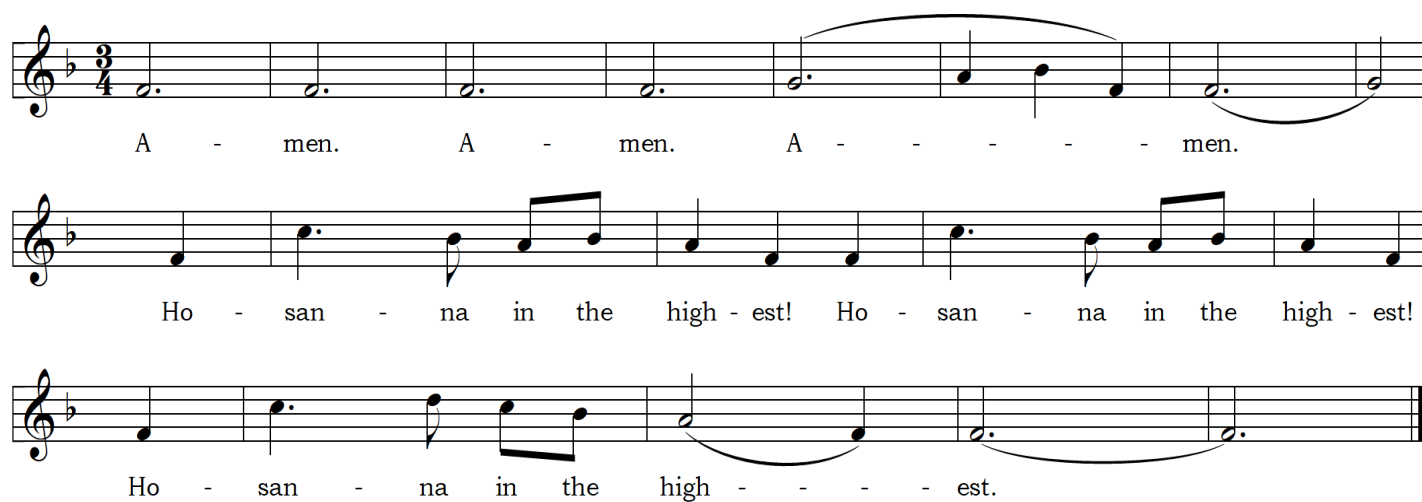
Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain.

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.

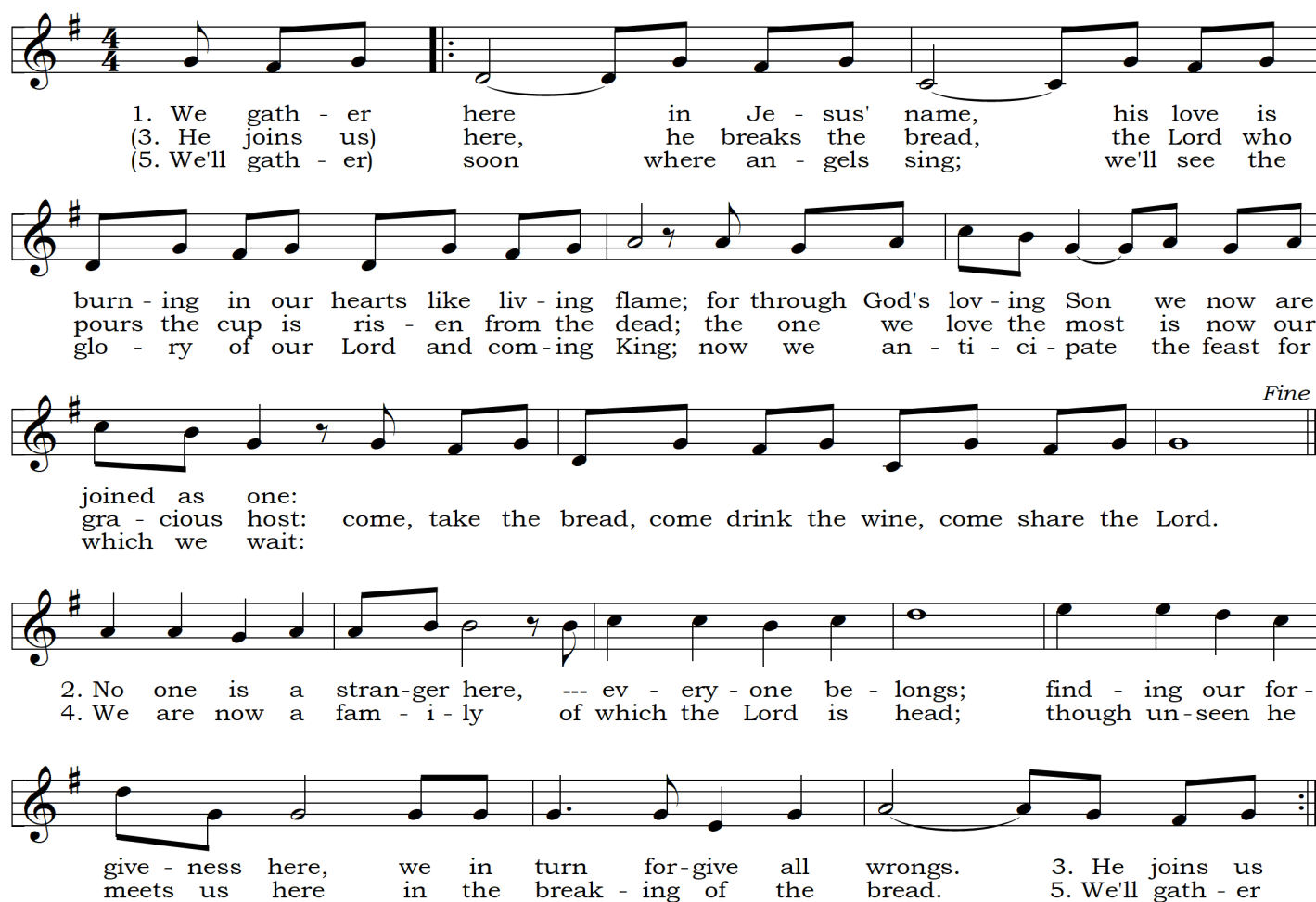
Your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

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: come, take the bread, come drink the wine, come share the Lord.
 gra - cious host: 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**

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1. The church of Christ can - not be bound by walls of wood or
2. True faith will o - pen up the door and step in - to the
3. True love will not sit i - dly by when jus - tice is de -
4. If what we have we free - ly share to meet our neigh - bor's
5. The church of Christ can - not be bound by walls of wood or

stone. Where char - i - ty and love are found, there can the church be known.
street. True ser - vice will seek out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
nied. True mer - cy hears the home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
need, then we ex - tend the Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
stone. Where char - i - ty and love are found, there can the church be known.

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Music: *Winchester Old*, Est's The Whole Booke of Psalmes

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Mary John Coats and Kristi Kevern in loving memory of John and Theresa Coats and Kendra Kevern.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend John Hathaway

Cantors: Scott Davis, Victoria Tijerina-Gordon, and Sarah Urías

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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GIFTS MAKE TRANSFORMATION POSSIBLE

Cash or checks will be received during the offertory. We also have three convenient ways to give online: (1) use your smartphone to scan the QR code provided on the front page of the FUMC Weekly and follow the prompts; (2) use the FUMC App on your smart phone; and/or (3) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving.

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. To find class contact information, visit fumcaustin.org/sundayschool.

YOUTH

Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. We gather for announcements and then split into middle school and high school groups. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade is located on the first floor of the Sanctuary Building. Check in at one of our welcome stations for a name tag and guardian sticker before dropping children off in their classrooms. Childcare is also available for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers from 8:45AM-12:15PM. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

SUNDAY PARKING

The church parking lot is reserved for mobility-impaired individuals. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking available on Sundays in the Peak Parking Garage (owned by the Texas Trial Lawyers Association) at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets or at open meters around the church. The garage is open from 7:00AM-2:30PM.