



FOUNDATION for the FUTURE

**May 10, 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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www.fumcaustin.org**

GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

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

GATHERING VOLUNTARY Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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 God, We Love This Congregation!

God, we love this congregation!
On this day, we're glad to see friends and neighbors,
gathered, praying, as a church community.
We are drawn by faith and friendship to this holy place and time.
Bless us as our congregation moves together, serving you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

A word of encouragement
came from prophet to people:
**Live a life that is full –
build, plant, eat, love, multiply!**
Pray for your communities.
Keep God in the center of all that is.
We enter into worship today
with hope in our hearts
**For here we are reminded
that we can live as God desires.**
God has made a promise of faithfulness to us
and we can trust the promise.

Henrietta Stith Andrews

* HYMN

Christ Loves the Church

1. Christ loves the church, with grace be - yond all mea - sure.
2. Christ feeds the church, and fills us with a vis - ion,
3. Christ needs the church, to live and tell his sto - ry,

We bear his name, for all the world to see.
through praise and preach - ing, wine and bro - ken bread,
to praise his love and mar - vel at his trust,

He will not let us go or let us be,
of shar - ing peo - ple, do - ing what they've said,
till, bathed in light, a - wak - ened from the dust,

but choos - es earth - en ves - sels for his trea - sure.
who win the world's re - spect, or op - po - si - tion.
we walk with God, a - live in grace and glo - ry.

Christ loves the church, with grace be - yond all mea - sure.
Christ feeds the church and fills us with a vi - sion.
Christ needs the church to live and tell his sto - ry.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God,
as we listen for your word,
even in the midst of life's endless distractions,
capture us; convict us; convert us; surprise us; and renew us.
Amen.

John Thornburg

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:4-11

* HYMN 393

Spirit of the Living God
Sung seated as children come forward

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Sung seated as children return to their seats

SERMON

MINISTRY MOMENT

Jan Berger

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, please join in the response:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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.

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.

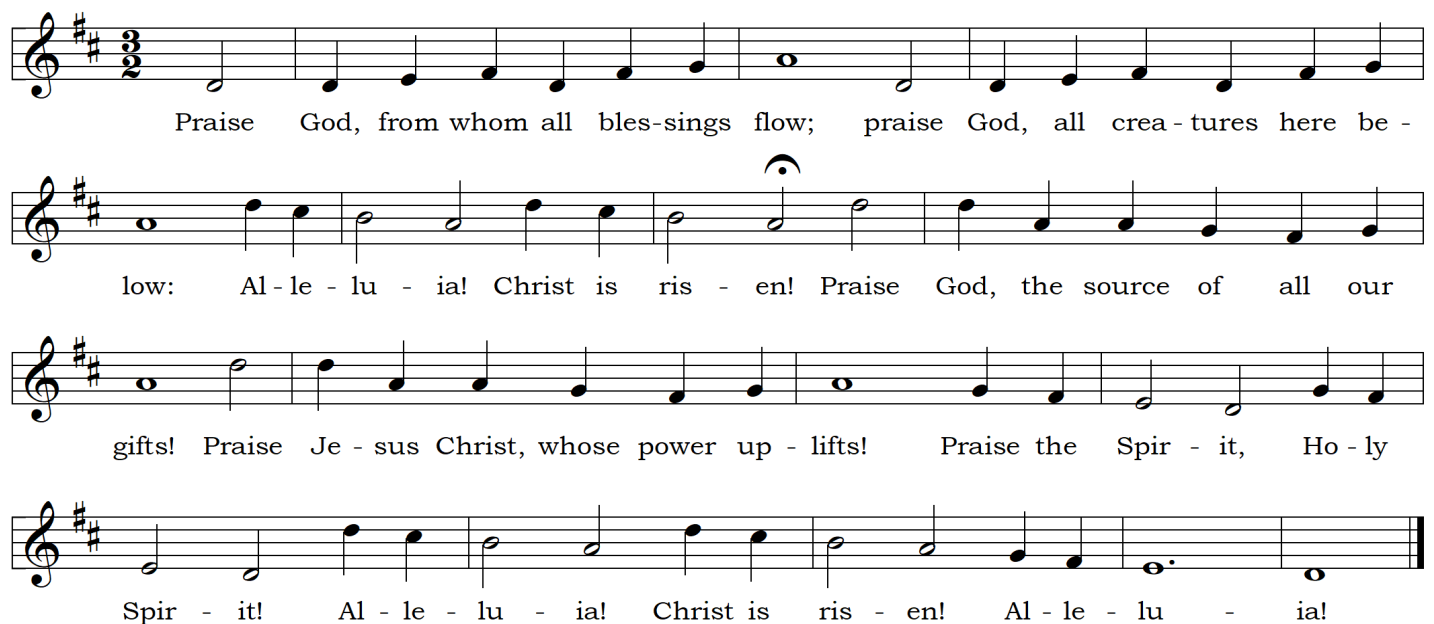
OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm gonna live so God can use me,
anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna work;
I'm gonna pray;
I'm gonna sing.

* 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!

GOING OUT TO SERVE

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:

God, our gracious Creator,

**we give you thanks for the gift of life
to these who celebrate their birthdays in May.**

**Grant that they may make this new year in their lives
an offering that will enrich your world and give you glory.**

**Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace
and strengthen their trust in your goodness
all the days of their lives;
through Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 581

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Will Binford in celebration of his and Alison's 17th wedding anniversary and to honor all mothers, especially Pam, Beth, and Alison.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music

Scott Davis

Gathering Voluntary

Tim Wilborn

WORSHIP MUSIC

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Music: *Geneva 124*, Genevan Psalter; Harm. C. Winfred Douglas

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

SPIRITUALS OFFERING

In worship we often sing songs and hymns from the traditions of the Black Church. This music, born of the enslavement and oppression of Black Americans, began as a way of communicating messages of hope and perseverance. Today we share this music to lift up this witness of determination, inspiration, and eternal life.

Most songs from these traditions were not published until after the names of their creators were long forgotten. In recognition of this, whenever we sing gospel and spiritual songs, we contribute “royalties” as an offering that will support the development of young Black musicians at Huston-Tillotson University.

If you would like to contribute to this offering, please use the envelope provided in the pew or give online at fumcaustin.org/giving and select “Other Designated” in the drop down menu. Please write or type in the memo: Spirituals Offering.

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.