



# CONFIRMATION

**April 12, 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](http://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

I Will Worship You, Lord

I will worship you, Lord, with all of my might,  
I will praise you with a psalm;  
I will worship you, Lord, with all of my might,  
I 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.

We will worship you, Lord.

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### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day to walk in the light.  
**This is the day to share signs of peace.**

This is the day to believe where we have not seen.  
**This is the day to embrace what we cannot touch.**

Come! Let us worship the Lord of life.

## 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

John 20:19-31

### 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, 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](http://fumcaustin.org/first-steps).*

### MINISTRY MOMENT

Amy Monkman

### OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

## OFFERTORY

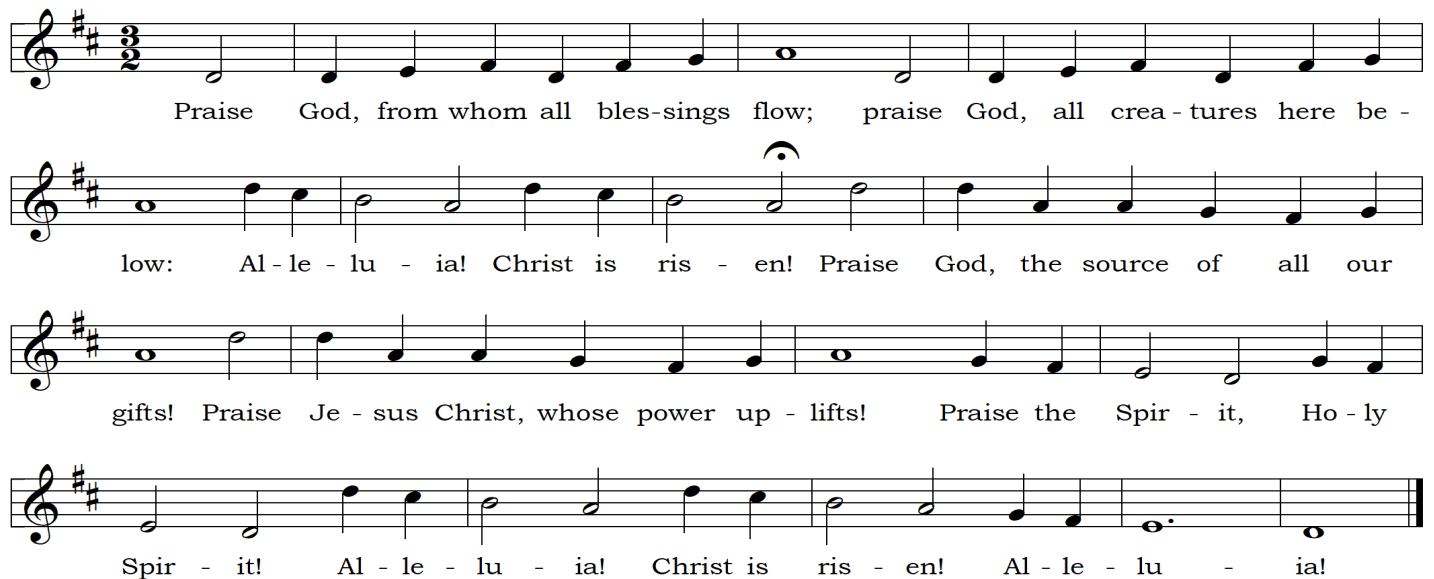
## Simply Trusting

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 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

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

*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 This Is the Feast

*Antiphon*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry 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 in 4/4 time with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It features a melody with various note values and rests, with lyrics placed below. The antiphon is followed by three verses of a hymn. The first verse is a single line, while the second and third verses are split across two lines each. Dashed lines in the notation indicate phrasing or breath marks.

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

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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 670**

Go Forth for God

Stanzas 3 and 4

**VOLUNTARY**

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**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The flowers are placed on the chancel in honor of Devon Bailey, Amy Monkman, and Greg Trosclair by the Confirmands and their families.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Preacher:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgist:* Reverend John Hathaway

*Cantors:* Kelton Bloxham, Scott Davis, and Alan Schlichting

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.