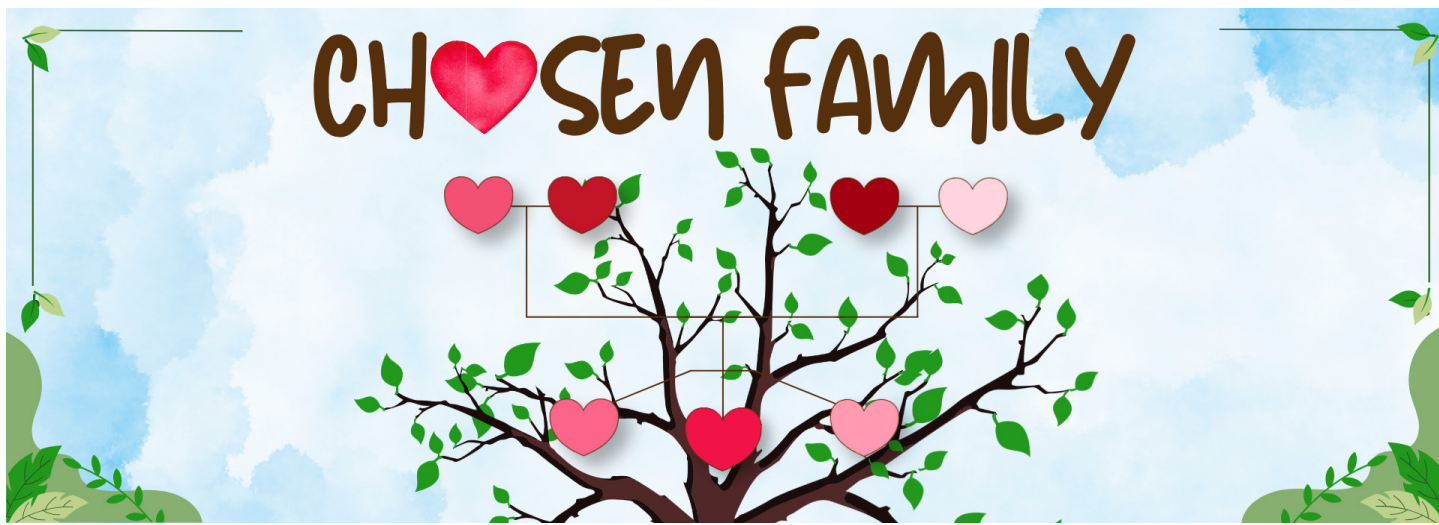




July 19, 2026
9:00AM

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

Church of God

Church of God, chosen people,
sing your praise to God.
God has called you out of darkness
into marvelous light!
Come people of God, with joyful song,
praise God, Creator of all.
God calls us now to follow Christ,
let hearts be filled with joy!

Words: Sr. Pamela Stotter, alt.

Music: Margaret Daly

© 1980 International Commission on English in the Liturgy, Inc.

(All rights reserved. Used by permission OneLicense.net A705700.)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come and gather in the love of Jesus,
who calls us not servants, but friends.
**We come to worship the One who first chose us,
and laid down his life for our sake.**

Jesus commands us:

“Love one another as I have loved you.”
**May our hearts be opened to His grace
as we gather to bear fruit that will last.**

Let us worship God together.

* HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christian By Our Love

1. We are one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, we are
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, we will
3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, we will
one in the Spir-it, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all
walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in hand, and to- geth- er we'll
work with each oth-er, we will work side by side, and we'll guard hu- man
u- ni- ty may one day be re- stored: And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our
spread the news that God is in our land:
dig- ni- ty and save hu- man pride:
love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

Words and Music: *St. Brendan's*, Peter Scholtes © 1966 F.E.L. Publications, 1991 The Lorenz Corp.

(All rights reserved. Used by permission OneLicense.net A705700.)

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.

SCRIPTURE

John 15:12-17

SERMON

But Do They Know You?

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

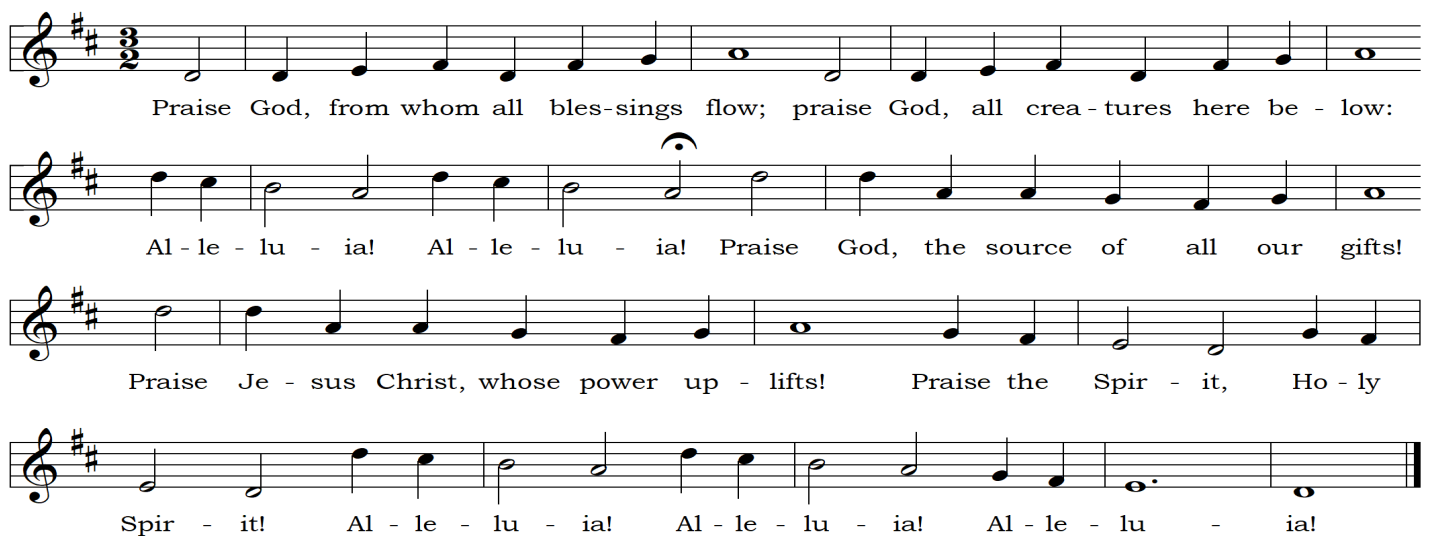
OFFERTORY

A Simple Song of Praise

We worship you, we honor you, we magnify your name;
a symbol of our love we bring in this simple song of praise.
You are Abba, God of love; you are the great "I am;"
defender and provider, the beginning and the end.
You are wonderful, our counselor on whom we can depend;
the prince of peace, the Son of God, our savior and our friend.
Holy Spirit, precious one, renew our hearts this hour;
descend upon us like a dove, infusing us with power.
Our thanks to you, O gracious King, for giving us this day;
may we unite in gratitude, your faithfulness proclaim.

Words and Music: Bob Krogstad

* 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!

Words: Thomas Ken; Adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

(All rights reserved. Used by permission OneLicense.net A705700.)

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.

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!

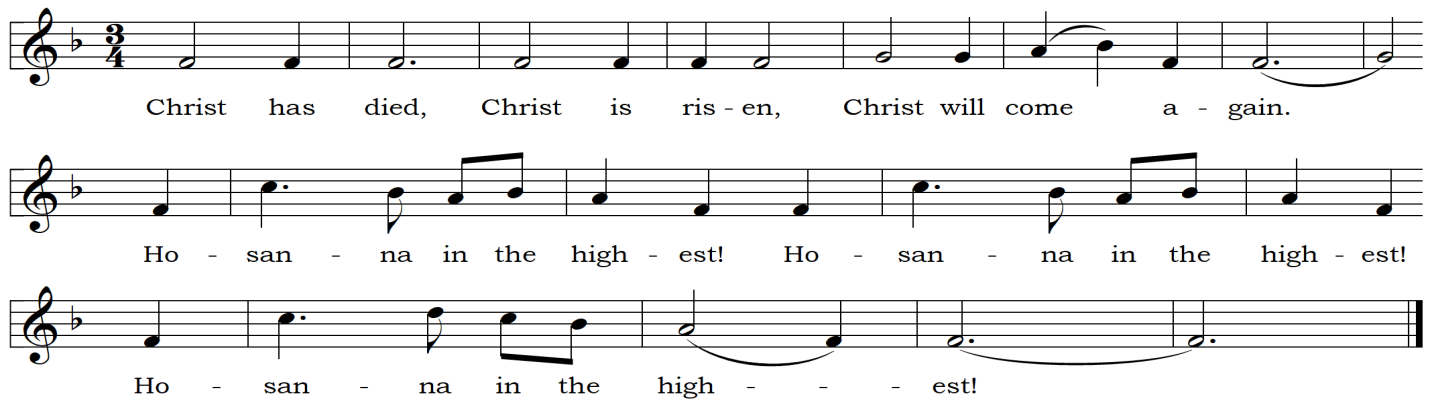
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the One who comes

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!

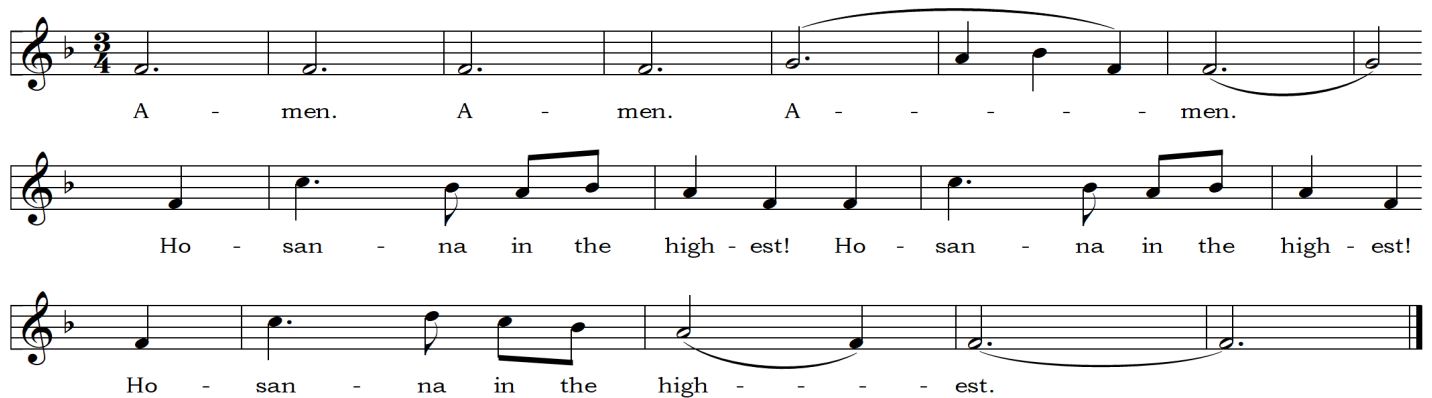
Please be seated. Pastor continues leading the prayer, recalling the acts of Christ.

...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:



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

526

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

All Who Hunger



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan ©1991 GIA Publications, Inc.

Music: Bob Moore © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc.

(All rights reserved. Used by permission OneLicense.net A705700.)

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

COMMISSIONING OF “BE THE NEIGHBOR” MISSION TEAM

All of us who take upon ourselves the name of Christian

are called into ministries of love and service after the example of Christ,
who came not to be served, but to serve.

These persons before you have answered the call to participate in Be The Neighbor

by learning and serving among the people of Los Fresnos, Texas in the name of Jesus Christ.

I commend them to you for your love, care, prayers, and financial support
for the work they will perform.

**We rejoice to recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation
in ministry with our neighbors in Los Fresnos.**

Through our prayers and support

we will be united with you in your work there.

We pray God’s blessings on you and on the Be The Neighbor team.

The members of the mission team kneel at the communion rail as the pastor prays for them.

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR “BE THE NEIGHBOR” MISSION TEAM

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

When We Would Neighbor Be

See Slides

VOLUNTARY

+ + +

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Thomas and Kaitlyn Mills in honor of their son,
Truitt, on his first birthday celebrated today!

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend John Hathaway

Music: Scott Davis, Alan Schlichting, and Sierra Vernon

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

Words: © 1989 The United Methodist Publishing House

Music: Mark A. Miller © 1999, 2000 Abingdon Press

(All rights reserved. Used by permission OneLicense.net #A705700.)

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.