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*March 15, 2026*  
*9:00AM*

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### 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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# 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

Eternal Lord of Love

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church  
walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent,  
led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
moved by your love and toward your presence bent:  
far off yet here—the goal of all desire.

Words: Thomas H. Cain

Music: *Old 124th*; Harm. Charles Winfred Douglas

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

To see the life that teems around us,  
**to give thanks for the gift we have received;**  
to notice the beauty and promise of spring,  
**to breathe deeply of the season;**  
to accept the gift of love, and to love in return,  
**this is to worship God.**

### \* HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord,  
your Word is a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path.  
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,  
and strength to follow on the path you set before us;  
through Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

John 9:13-34

### 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. 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).*

## OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

### OFFERTORY

I Believe

I believe in the sun even when it's not shining.  
I believe in love even when I don't feel it.  
I believe in God even when God is silent.

Words: Anon. Jewish Poem

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### \* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.



Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

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Music: *Old 100th*; Attr. Louis Bourgeois

## 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.

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.

**RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

Hymn 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.

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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 378**

Amazing Grace

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, and 6

**VOLUNTARY**

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**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The flowers are placed on the chancel in honor of those who have recently made First Church their faith home.

**WORSHIP LEADERS***Preacher:* Reverend John McMullen*Liturgist:* Reverend Cathy Stone*Cantors:* Scott Davis, Courtney Katzmeyer-Vielma, and Victoria Tijerina-Gordon**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**

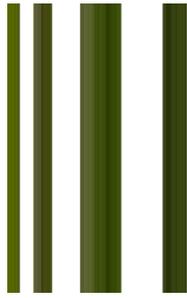
Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Many classes are meeting in person and online. Visit [fumcaustin.org/sundayschool](http://fumcaustin.org/sundayschool).

**YOUTH**

Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. 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. Learn more at [fumcaustin.org/children](http://fumcaustin.org/children).



**ORDER DEADLINE: MARCH 30**

A traditional symbol of Easter, the lily is a flower that seemingly dies away, then returns with new life each year.

You are invited to place lilies in the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday to the glory of God and in honor of or in memory of loved ones. Plants cost \$20 each and are florist quality and great for replanting so you can enjoy them long after Easter. You may order lilies by filling in the form below and placing it in basket during the offering or mailing it to the church office; by contacting Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226); or by using the QR code. If paying by check, please write "Easter Lily" on the memo line of your check.



Orders must be received by 10:00AM on Monday, March 30. Plants may be picked up after the 11:00AM worship service on Easter Sunday, April 5.

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Name of donor

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Phone number (in case of questions)

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Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)

The lily is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
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The lily is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_  
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