



PENTECOST

May 24, 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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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

Come, Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, lead us with your mighty pow’r,
 fill now our hearts and souls with your consuming fire.
Come, Holy Spirit, lead us with your mighty pow’r,
 come, Holy Spirit, O Holy Spirit come!
O Spirit of the living God, O light and fire divine
 descend upon your church once more and make it wholly thine!

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rushing Wind of the Spirit,
 breathe new life into us!

Blazing Flame of the Spirit,
 burn away our fears!

Comforting Presence of the Spirit,

heal our wounds.

Let us prepare to worship and praise you,

O Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God,

come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

Make us people

who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do

* HYMN 334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord,

let us receive your Word today

with the confidence to walk with you

in all things.

Let us have ears to hear,

eyes to see,

and the courage to follow you.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-22

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Holy Spirit, living breath of God,
breathe new life into my willing soul;
bring the presence of the risen Lord
to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your word to come alive in me;
give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity, Holy Spirit,
breathe new life in me.
Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
giving life to all that God has made.
Show your power once again on earth,
cause your church to hunger for your ways.

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Musical score for the hymn 'Presentation of the Offering'. The score is written on four staves in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is risen! 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 risen! 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 nam
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

393 Spirit of the Living God

328 Surely the Presence of the Lord

617 I Come with Joy

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

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

1. Wind who makes all winds that blow, gusts that bend the sap - lings low,
2. Fire who fuels all fires that burn, suns a - round which plan - ets turn,
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, wind and flame, move with - in our mor - tal frame;

gales that heave the sea in waves, stir - rings in the mind's deep caves:
bea - cons mark - ing reefs and shoals, shin - ing truth to guide our souls:
make our hearts an al - tar pyre; kin - dle them with your own fire.

aim your breath with stead - y power on your church, this day, this hour.
come to us as once you came; burst in tongues of sa - cred flame!
Breathe and blow up - on that blaze till our lives, our deeds, and ways

Raise, re - new the life we've lost, Spir - it God of Pen - te - cost.
Light and Po - wer, Might and Strength, fill your church its breadth and length.
speak that tongue which ev - ery land by your grace shall un - der - stand.

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Music: *Easter Hymn*, Lyra Davidica

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Mark and Pam Steves in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary on May 26.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Cathy Stone

Liturgist

Reverend John Hathaway

Cantors

Kelton Bloxham

Adam Buttyan

Scott Davis

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.

