



LOVE LOOKS LIKE

**February 8, 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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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

O God of Every Nation

O God of every nation, of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us, and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us, and heal our strife-torn world.

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Beloved community,
let us draw the circle wide!
And draw it wider still.

We come —
laden with doubts, fears, resentments —
to worship the God
who gives us faith, courage, renewal.

We come —
overwhelmed with remorse or struggling with what it means to forgive —
to worship the God
who teaches us true restoration.

We come —
with identities varied as the colors of the rainbow —
to worship the God
who weaves our many threads into one tapestry.

We come, and the circle is drawn wide —
and wider — and wider still!
Not by our strength, not by our merit,
but through God’s grace.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light,
 by your Word you give light to the soul.
 Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding
 that our hearts and minds may be opened.
 Amen.

SCRIPTURES

Acts 10:34-43 and Matthew 3:13-17

HYMN

Come Away from Rush and Hurry
Stanza 1 sung seated as children come forward



1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's
 2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our



peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re -
 soul. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made



lease. Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied
 whole. At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly



pace; come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's face.
 fed. With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.

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 Music: *Beach Spring*, attr. B. F. White

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

Come Away from Rush and Hurry
Stanza 2 sung seated as children return to their seats

SERMON

* UNITED METHODIST SOCIAL CREED

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,
calls us by grace
**to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day
God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.
And so shall we.

Today is the day
**God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind, and
sets the oppressed free.**
And so shall we.

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. The next First Steps Class is Sunday, February 22, 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

God Has Work for Us to Do

'Til all the jails are empty and all the bellies filled;
'til no one hurts or steals or lies,
and no more blood is spilled: God has work for us to do,
'til God's will is done and all things are made new.
"Til age and race and gender no longer separate;
'til pulpit, press, and politics are free of greed and hate:
God has work for us to do.
In tenement and mansion, in factory, farm, and mill,
in board room and in billiard hall,
in wards where time stands still,
in classroom, church, and office, in shops, or on the street,
in every place where people thrive, or starve, or hide, or meet.
God has work for us to do.
By sitting at a bedside to hold pale, trembling hands,
by speaking for the powerless against unjust demands.
By praying through our doing, and singing though we fear,
by trusting that the seed we sow will bring God's harvest near.
God has work for us to do!

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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! 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!

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

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 February.

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.

* BENEDECTION

* HYMN

Inspired by Love and Anger

1. In - spired by love and an - ger, dis - turbed by need and pain, in -
2. From those for - ev - er vic - tims of heart - less hu - man greed, their
3. To God, who through the pro - phets pro - claimed a dif - frent age, we
4. God asks, "Who will go for me? Who will ex - tend my reach? And

formed of God's own bi - as, we ask God once a - gain: "How
cru - el plight com - pos - es a lit - an - y of need: "Where
of - fer earth's in - dif - frence, its a - gon - y and rage: "When
who, when few will lis - ten, will pro - phes - y and preach? And

long must some folk suf - fer? How long can few folk mind? How
are the fruits of jus - tice? Where are the signs of peace? When
will the wronged be right - ed? When will the king - dom come? When
who, when few bid wel - come will of - fer all they know? And

long dare vain self in - terest turn prayer and pit - y blind?"
is the day when pris - 'ners and dreams find their re - lease?"
will the world be gen - 'rous to all in - stead of some?"
who, when few dare fol - low, will walk the road I show?"

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Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Julie Nelson in celebration of Mack Hicks' birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Bishop Julius Trimble

Liturgists

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Reverend Cathy Stone

Music

Scott Davis

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. Visit 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.

CHILDREN

Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade is located on the first floor of the Sanctuary Building. 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.