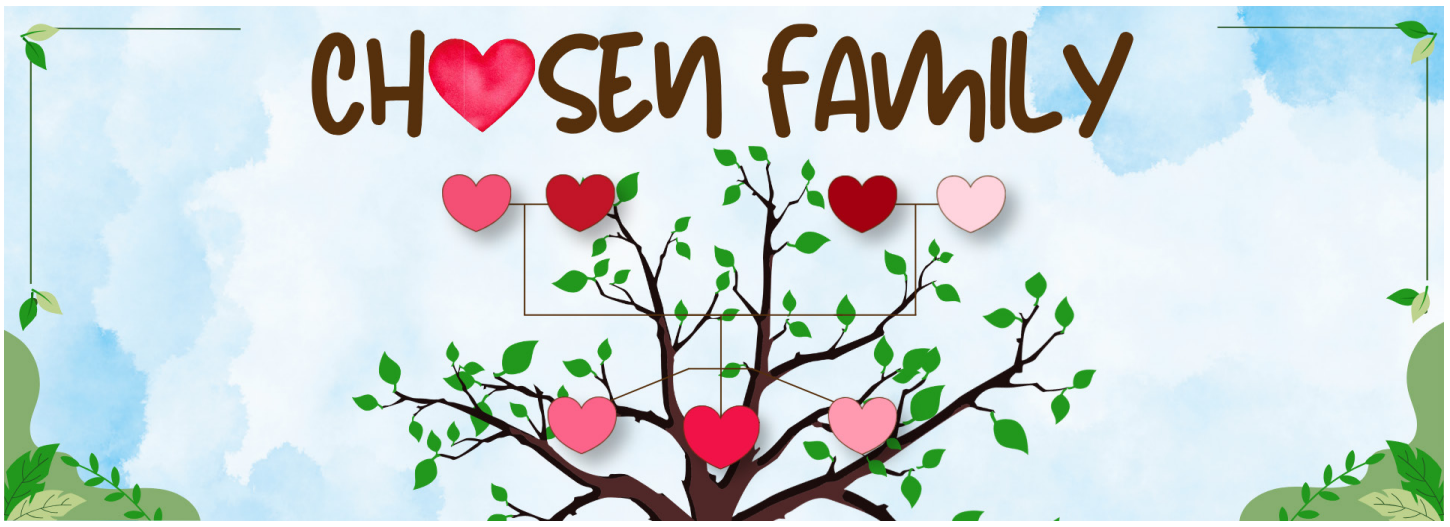




*June 14, 2026
11:00AM*

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

Sonata No. 5: Andante
Adam Buttyan, *Querflöte*

Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV 1034)

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

We Will Worship You, Lord

We will worship you, Lord, with all of our might,
we will praise you with a psalm.
We 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.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!
For God has dealt mercifully with us!

Even when we turned our backs on God,
God forgave us and restored us to life.

Rejoice in God's abundant love.
We will continually praise God who heals and loves us.

* HYMN 451

Be Thou My Vision

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

INTRODUCTION

In baptism,

God names us as God's own beloved children;

God promises to be our God and welcomes us into the family of Christ;

God makes Christ's death and resurrection for us present to us and at work in us.

The baptism of believers' children

especially makes visible the prevenient nature of grace—

that God reaches out to, and accepts, us

before we reach out to, and accept, God.

At the same time, in baptism,

we acknowledge for ourselves and our children

the gift and claim of God's grace,

and we commit ourselves and our children

to live out of God's grace as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thus, baptism marks the birth, at any age,

of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION

Who is presented for baptism?

Micah Paul Grimshaw

Child of John and Catherine Grimshaw

PARENT'S RE-AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Because the role of parents and the church

is crucial to a child's experience of grace,

we ask you to re-commit yourself

to the vows of the baptismal covenant:

Do you re-affirm your renunciation of sin

and your confession of faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior,

putting your whole trust in his grace,

and promising to serve him as your Lord,

by loving others as Christ loved you

and resisting evil, injustice, and oppression?

We do.

Do you commit yourselves to work for God's reign on earth

through the church, which Christ has opened to all people,

participating actively in its ministries

with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness?

We do.

Will you nurture your child in Christ's Church,
that by your teaching and example,
he may grow to know the grace of God,
profess his faith in Christ openly,
and live as a faithful disciple of Christ's church?
We will.

CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE

Do you as Christ's church reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture this child in the Christian faith and life,
praying for him, teaching him, and leading him
in acts of service and mission?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Micah
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that he may grow in his trust of God,
and be found faithful in his service to others.**

**We will pray for him,
that he may be a true disciple
who walks in the way that leads to life.**

BAPTISM WITH THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

ANOINTING WITH OIL

Following the biblical custom of anointing prophets (I Kings 19:36), priests (Exodus 29:7) and kings (I Kings 1:39), candidates are anointed at their baptism as a reminder that all Christians share in the royal, prophetic, priestly ministry of Jesus Christ.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISMAL CANDLE

A candle, lighted from the Paschal Candle, is presented to the newly baptized to signify that the light of the One who overcame the darkness of sin and death now shines in their life.

WELCOME OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

**Micah,
we give thanks that God has claimed you
with an everlasting love that will never, ever let you go;
and we will never let you forget that!**

**We rejoice to welcome you as our sibling
in the family of Christ.**

**Our story is now your story:
you have ridden in the ark with Noah;
you have passed through the sea with Moses;
Christ's death and resurrection for you are at work in you,
transforming you into the image of God.**

**Grow with us in grace,
confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his royal priesthood.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

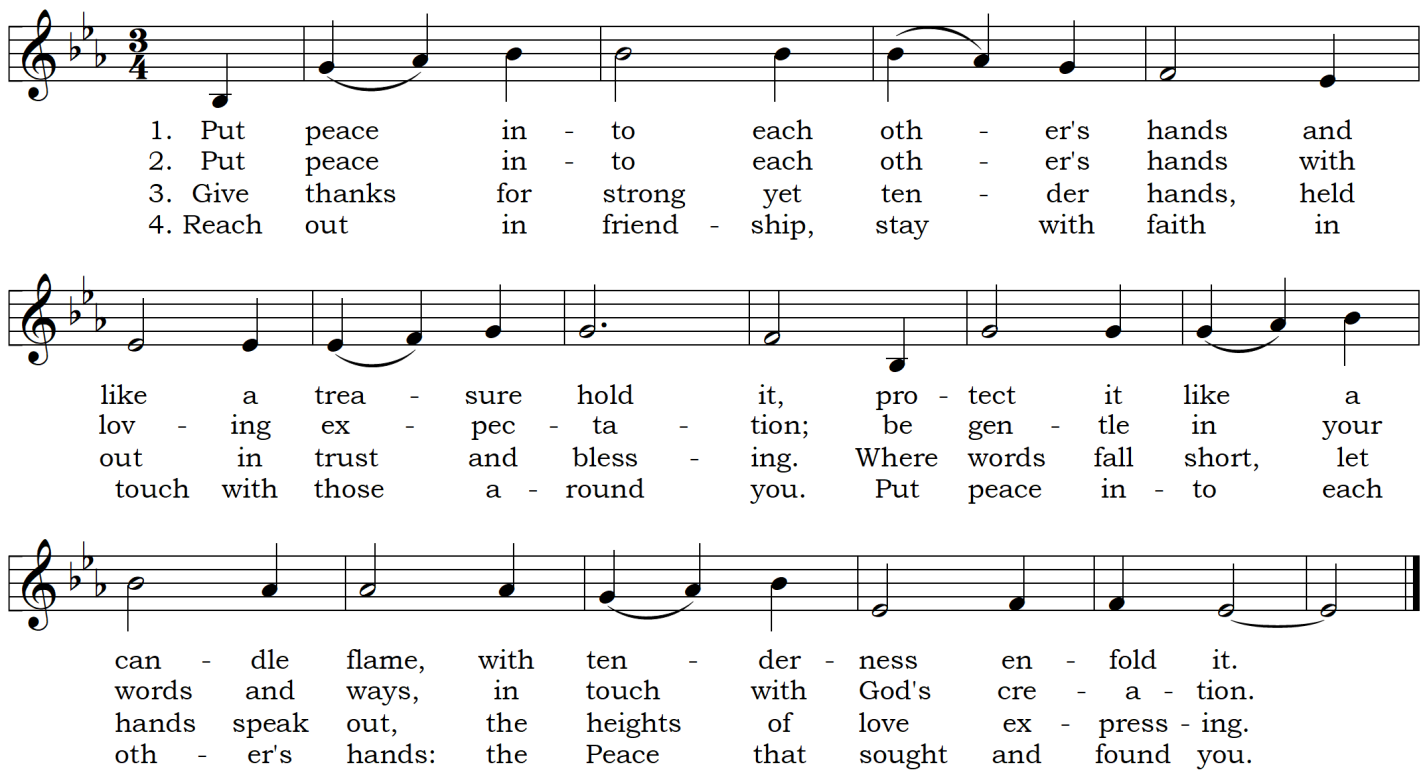
Loving God,
as we hear the scriptures read and proclaimed,
help us recognize your voice calling us
into the family you are creating—
a community bound by grace, love, and discipleship.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:9-17

HYMN

Put Peace Into Each Others Hands
Sung seated as children come forward



1. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands and
2. Put peace in - to each oth - er's hands with
3. Give thanks for strong yet ten - der hands, held
4. Reach out in friend - ship, stay with faith in

like a trea - sure hold it, pro - tect it like a
lov - ing ex - pec - ta - tion; be gen - tle in your
out in trust and bless - ing. Where words fall short, let
touch with those a - round you. Put peace in - to each

can - dle flame, with ten - der - ness en - fold it.
words and ways, in touch with God's cre - a - tion.
hands speak out, the heights of love ex - press - ing.
oth - er's hands: the Peace that sought and found you.

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TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

MUSICAL OFFERING

Sonata No. 6: Allegro

Johann Sebastian Bach (BWV 1035)

SERMON

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. 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.

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT

Youth Missions - Jake George

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

O God Beyond All Praising

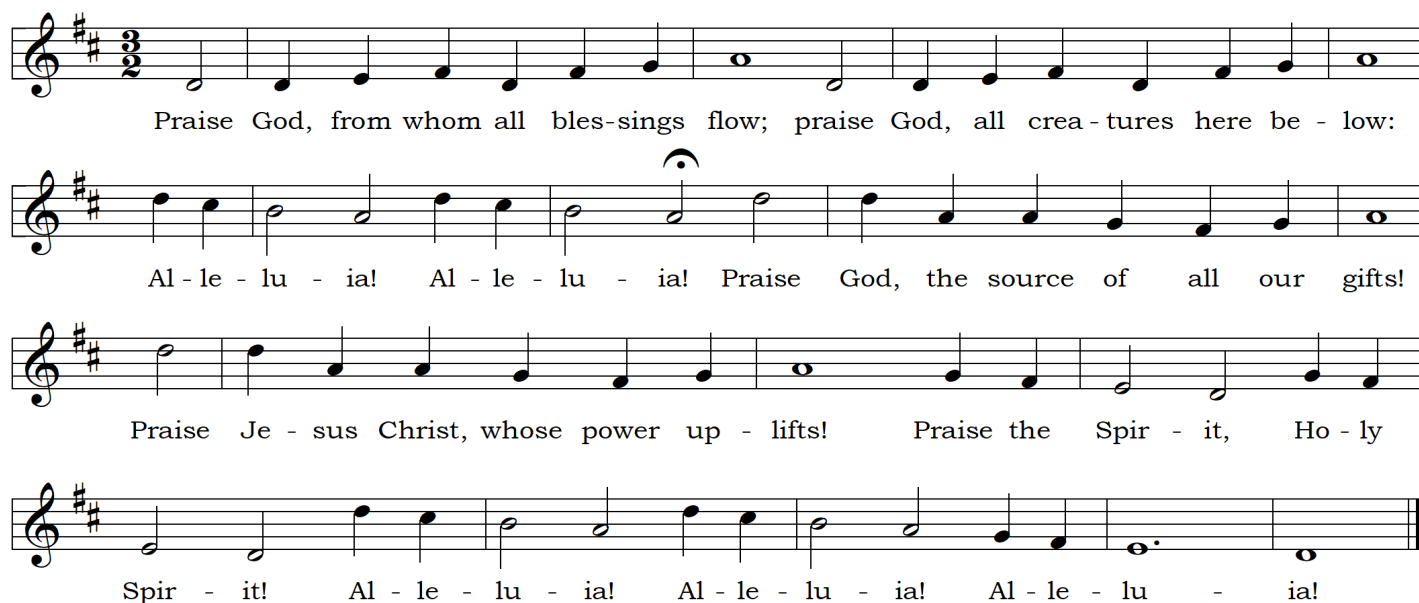
O God beyond all praising, we worship you today,
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end.
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.
The flower of earthly splendour in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown;
for Christ, your gift from heaven from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory!
Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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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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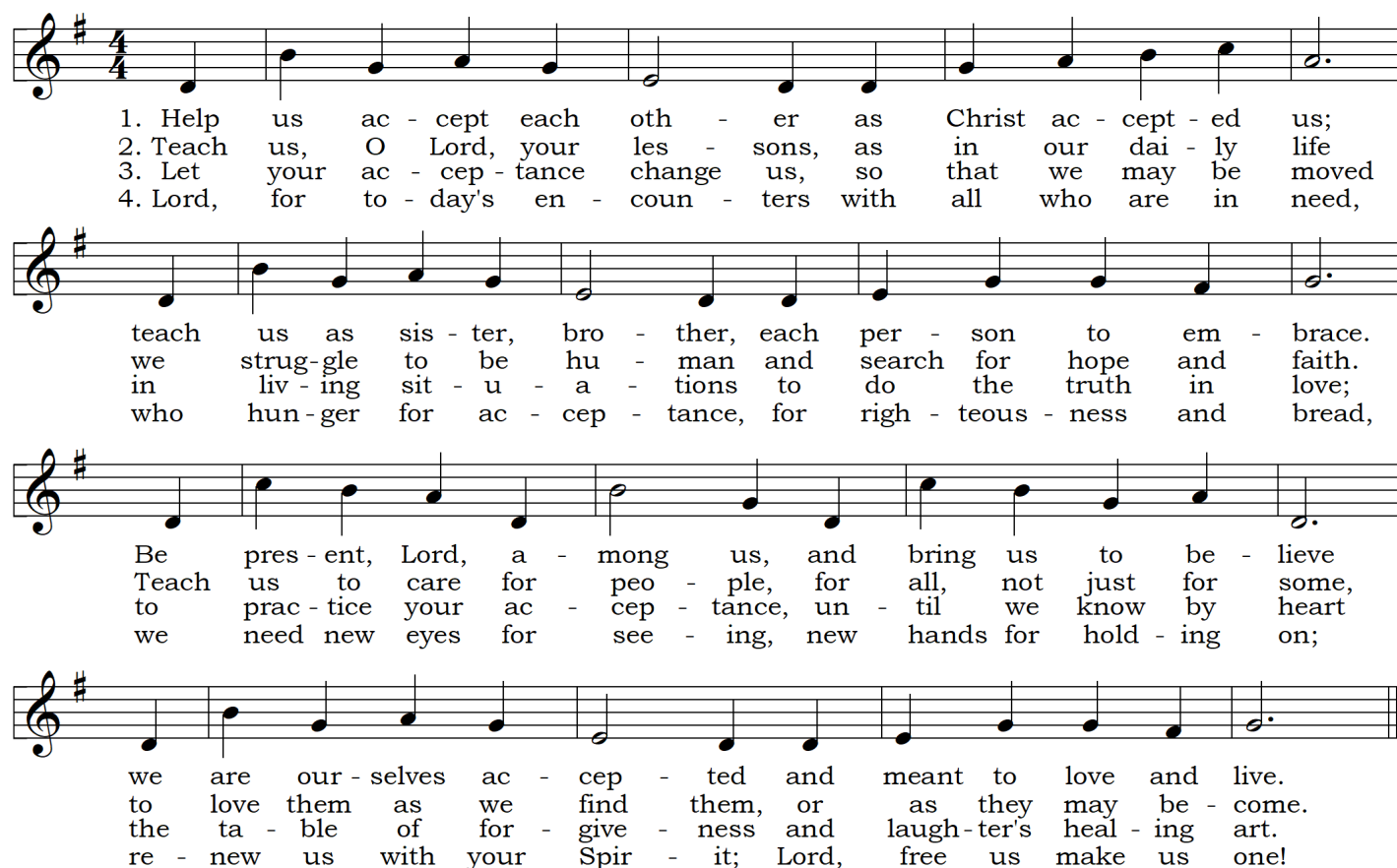
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GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,
teach us as sis - ter, bro - ther, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,
Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;
we are our - selves ac - cep - ted and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us make us one!

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VOLUNTARY

Water Music Suite: Hornpipe

George Frideric Handel (HWV 349)

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Rachel Wright in gratitude for Laura Velez' eight years of service on the Connections Team, providing beauty, care, and hospitality to many.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Music: Scott Davis

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