

February 22, 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

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

You are the shore in sight,
you are hands that reach out,
you are the ground on which to rest.
God, you are our refuge.

You are the life we long for,
you are the refusal to give up,
you are the keys of home we carry with us.
God, you are our strength.

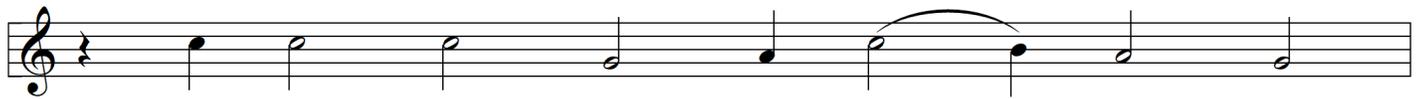
We call on you from the ruins and the rubble,
we call on you from the wildness and the deep.
God, you are our help in time of trouble.

We call on you.
God, meet us in this place!

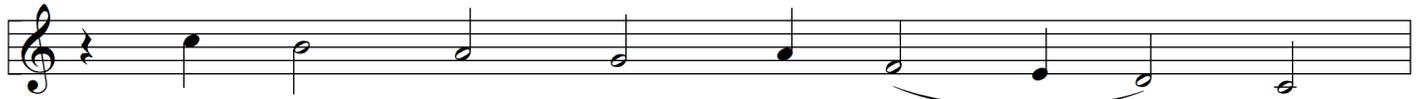
Claudio Carvalhaes

* HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1. A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide,
 3. And though this world, with dev - - - ils filled,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - - - ly powers,



a bul - wark nev - er fail - - - ing;
 our striv - ing would be los - - - ing;
 should threat - en to un - do us;
 no thanks to them, a - bid - - - deth;



our help - er who a - mid the flood
 were not the right man on our side,
 we will not fear, for God hath willed
 the Spi - rit and the gifts are ours



of mor - tal ills pre - vail - - - ing: for still our an - cient foe
 the man of God's own choos - ing: dost ask who that may be?
 God's truth to tri - umph through us; the prince of dark - ness grim,
 through him who with us sid - - - eth: let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he; Lord Sa - ba - oth his Name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bo - dy they may kill:



and, armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - - - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - - - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure, one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still, God's king - dom is for ev - - - er.

Words: Martin Luther; Trans. Frederic Henry Hedge

Music: *Ein feste Burg*, Martin Luther

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

Matthew 4:1-11

HYMN 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Stanza 1 and Refrain sung seated as children come forward

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 365

Grace Greater Than Our Sin
Stanza 4 and Refrain sung seated as children return to their seats

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. The next First Steps Class is today 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 bring it with you to class.

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT

Emergency Assistance Fund

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
O cast me not away from thy presence,
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of thy salvation
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Words: Psalm 51: 10-12

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea - tures high and low.



Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one.

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

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

1. Lord, who through-out these for - ty days, for us did fast and pray,
2. As you with Sa - tan did con - tend and did the vic - t'ry win,
3. As you did hun - ger and did thirst, so teach us gra - cious Lord,
4. And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through your Pas - sion - tide,
5. A - bide with us, that through this life of doubts and hope and pain,
teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.
O give us strength in you to fight, in you to con - quer sin.
to die to self, and so to live by your most ho - ly word.
for ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord! with us a - bide.
an Ea - ster of un - end - ing joy we may at last at - tain!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman

Music: *St. Flavian*, Melody from Day's Psalter; Adapt. Richard Redhead

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed on the chancel by Ed Berger in honor of Jan Berger's birthday on February 23.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist

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. 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.

