



May 5, 2024
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 sent 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 by scanning this QR code with your smartphone or use the printed version found in the pew in front of you. To let our pastors know about a prayer request for you or someone you love, use the QR code found on page 8 of this bulletin or place your card in the offering basket when it is passed.

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

This Is the Hour of Banquet and of Song

Sidney Watson

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Words: Horatius Bonar

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Music: Sidney Watson

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God,
God invites us to this moment of peace.
Welcome to this place of love and grace!

God invites all of us
to be a part of the beloved community.
Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance!

God invites all of us
to share in the good news:
We are welcome, just as we are.
We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this,
let us worship God.

* HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1. Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! His the scep - ter his the throne;
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, here on earth our food, our stay!
 4. Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, you the Lord of lords we own:

Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;
 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from day to day:
 Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne:

Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
 though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,
 in - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
 you with - in the veil, have en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest:

Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 here on earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

Words: William Chatterton Dix

Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Prichard

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God,
through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the light of eternity.
Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts
with the presence of your Spirit,
that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge
in the reading of the scriptures,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 9:12-17

Old Testament, page 7

SERMON

We In This Room

RESPONDING IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Companion Litany to Our 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.**

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, July 28, 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/firststeps.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré

O divine Word above, our hope and consolation,
Eternal light of the heavens and the earth, the peaceful night is past;
our voices greet the morning; look down, O Lord, and hear thy people's prayer.
Inspire us, Lord, we pray, with the power of thy Spirit,
that hell may flee before thy mighty word.
From slumber waken us, our weary souls reviving,
that we may never forget all thy laws!
Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on thy congregation
now gathered here in the sight of thy throne;
receive the hymns they offer to thy eternal glory;
renewed by thy gifts may they go forth in peace.

Words: Jean Racine from Hymnes traduites de bréviare romain; trans. John Rutter

Music: Gabriel Fauré, Op. 11; ed. John Rutter

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* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here be - low: Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en! 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 ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Words: Thomas Ken; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira

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

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *All*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *All*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant *All*

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, we join with all the saints who have gone before
in gratitude for your abiding presence:

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 Christ with us,
 and in the assurance of your Love persistent,
 we offer our lives, our ministries, and our church
 in the service of your healing work
 as we proclaim the mystery of our 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.

...By your Spirit, pour us out into the world,
 one people united by your love and committed to your mission.
 Let our lives sing your praise and thanksgiving,
 for the sake of the world, to the glory of your name.

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 895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

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|-----|--------------------|
| 617 | I Come with Joy |
| 162 | Alleluia, Alleluia |
| 376 | Dona Nobis Pacem |

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 122

God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale

Stanzas 1, 3, and 6

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are placed by Russell and Linda Deason in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Dr. Brad King

Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone

Music: Scott Davis

GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

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PRAYER REQUEST



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.

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 begins at 10:00AM and parents may take their children directly to their classrooms after getting a guardian sticker and their child's name tag from one of our check in stations. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

GIVING

Cash or checks will be received during the offertory. We offer three convenient ways to give online: (1) through the FUMC App on your smart phone; (2) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving; and/or (3) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.