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**June 2, 2024**  
**11:00AM**

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### **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 Bonner

Music: *Morestead*, Sidney Watson

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

To know the warmth of love,  
**to have the assurance that someone cares,**  
to be confident of our worth,  
**to be bold to love in return,**  
to be washed over with grace,  
**to be accepted as we are:**  
this is to know a bit of God.  
**Then let us worship God.**

\* HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness



1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose trust, ev - er child - like, no  
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose strong hands were skilled at the  
3. Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace, your hands swift to wel - come, your  
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose



cares could de - stroy: Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we  
plane and the lathe: Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we  
arms to em - brace: Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we  
pres - ence is balm: Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we



pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
pray, your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
pray, your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
pray, your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther

Music: *Slane*, Irish Folk Melody

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord,  
open our hearts and minds  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed,  
we may hear with joy  
what you say to us today.

Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:24-33

New Testament, page 6

### SERMON

# RESPONDING IN FAITH

## 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](http://fumcaustin.org/firststeps).*

## COMMISSIONING OF APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) TEAM

*Pastor*

All of us who take upon ourselves the name of Christian  
are called into ministries of love and service after the example of Christ,  
who came not to be served, but to serve.

These persons before you have answered the call  
to participate in the Appalachia Service Project  
by serving the people of Knox County, Kentucky,  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

I commend them to you  
for your love, care, prayers, and financial support  
for the work they will perform.

*Congregation*

**We rejoice to recognize you as ambassadors of this congregation  
in ministry to and with our brothers and sisters in Knox County.**

**Through our prayers and support  
we will be united with you in your work there.**

**We pray God's blessings on you and on the Appalachia Service Project.**

*The members of the mission team kneel at the communion rail as the pastor prays for them.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## OFFERING

## To You, O Lord

Thomas Keesecker

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.  
I place my trust in you, my God.  
Save me from shame and keep me safe always.  
I place my trust in you, my God.  
Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.  
O Lord, come show me your ways.  
Lead me in your truth and guide me,  
for you are the rock of my salvation.  
For you have I trusted; all the day long.  
Gracious and upright, you teach us all your way.  
Remember, O Lord, your compassion.  
Remember, O Lord your love.  
Remember not the sins and transgression of my youth.  
Remember me according to your steadfast love.

Words: Psalm 25, alt.

Music: Thomas Keesecker

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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!

Words: Thomas Ken; Adapt. Gilbert H. Vieira

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


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# 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*



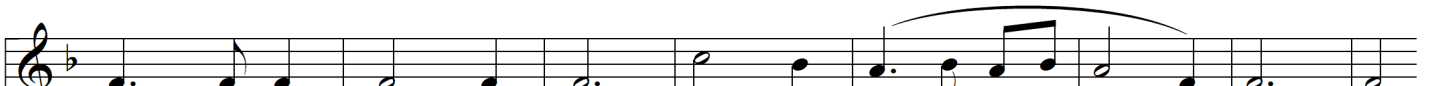
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Pastor gives thanks, recalling God's story of abundance.*

...And so, with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name 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 895

### RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

#### HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

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Seek Ye First

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All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Morning Has Broken

## **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 152**

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

### **VOLUNTARY**

Symphonie I: Finale

Louis Vierne

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### **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The chancel flowers are placed by Jack and Dana Wagner in celebration of their 15th wedding anniversary and in memory of his parents, John and Sudie Wagner.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

*Preacher:* Reverend Taylor Fuerst

*Liturgist:* Dr. Brad King

*Music:* Scott Davis and Lewis Worthington

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES**

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### **PRAYER REQUEST**



### **SUNDAY PARKING**

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### **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](http://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.