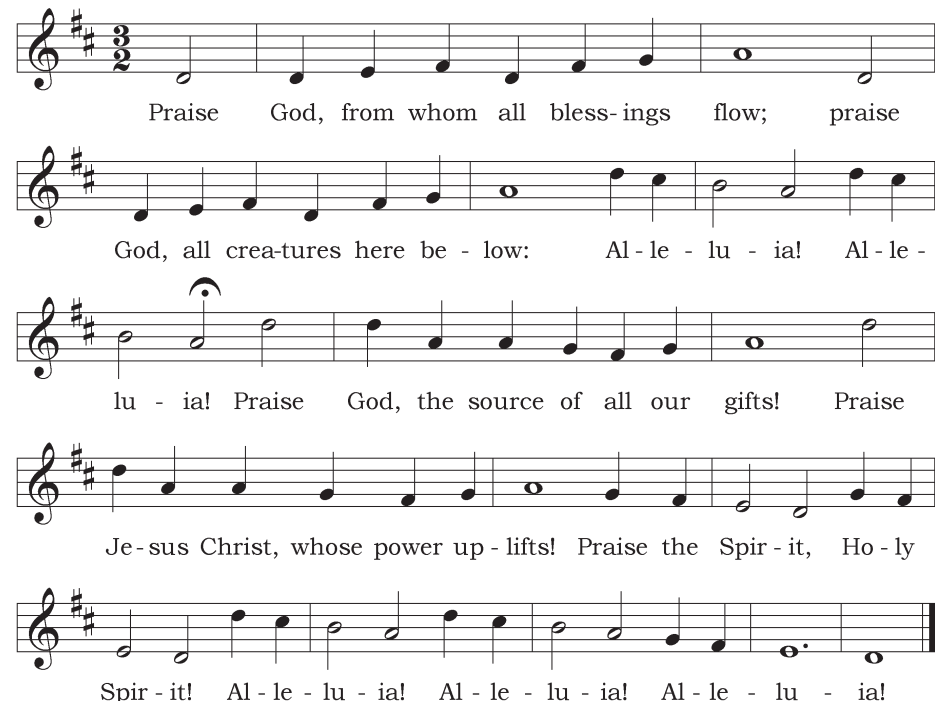


* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Je-sus Christ, whose power uplifts! 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; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN Bring Forth the Kingdom

See Insert

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Bob and Nancy Leeper in honor of their precious grandchildren: Evan, Ava, Patrick, and Kezia.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Dr. Brad King

Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

Trio: Emily Buchanan, Courtney Katzmeyer, and Christina Whitford

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 Texas Trial Lawyers Association garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets or at open meters around the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00-10:45 A.M.

ADULTS

Sunday School is the place where people learn about Christian faith in a loving, supportive environment. 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

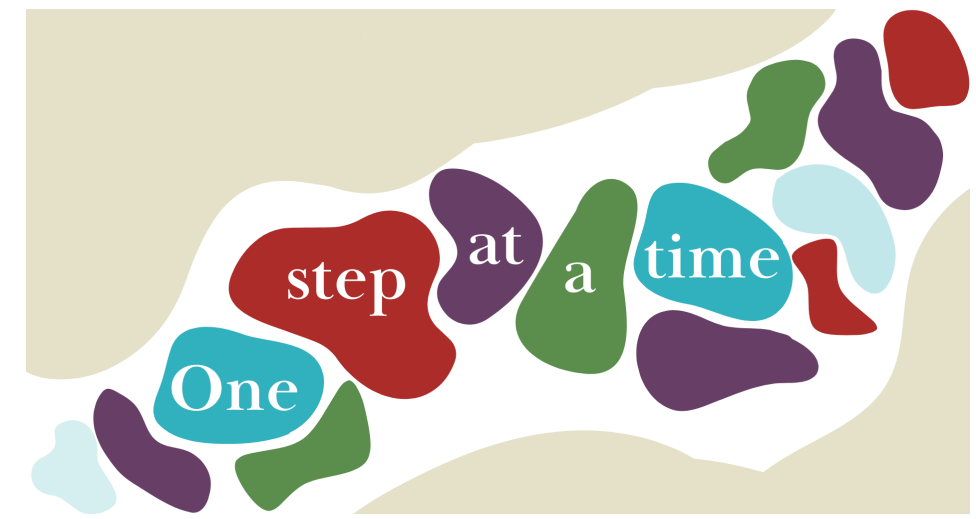
Sunday School for 6th through 12th grade begins in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center. We gather for announcements and then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word through fellowship and study. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

Sunday School for Kindergarten through 5th grade begins at 9:45 a.m. in Wesley Hall. We gather for Bible stories, songs, and games. 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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

11:00 a.m.

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 9:00-12:15 p.m. for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers in EDU Room 104.



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GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

Asterisks () indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.*

GATHERING VOLUNTARY

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Connections Card included in your bulletin.

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 Walk His Way (Ewe, Thina) South African

Arr. Anders Nyberg

We walk his way.
The tree of freedom
blooms by Jesus’ empty grave.
We walk his way.

Music: South African Melody, arr. Anders Nyberg

Words: South African Words, trans. Anders Nyberg, Sven-Bernhard Fast

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God,
who creates us and loves us;
who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;
who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;
who inspires children, youth, adults, and people of all ages,
to seek justice, share power, and live together
in love and equality;
who invites us to join the struggle
for wholeness and wellbeing for all,
and whose presence, grace, and love
sustain us in our living.

We gather to worship God.
To God be all glory, honor, and praise!

* **HYMN 428** For the Healing of the Nations

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM Make Me a Channel of Your Peace Sebastian Temple

Arr. Martin Neary

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there’s despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there’s sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring your love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there’s doubt, true faith in you.

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Words: Attr. St. Francis

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord,
open the eyes and ears of our hearts,
that we may hear the words of challenge and comfort
that the Spirit brings us this morning.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 19:1-10 New Testament, page 78

HYMN “I Have a Dream,” a Man Once Said See Insert
Stanzas 1, 2, and 3 sung seated
as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN “I Have a Dream,” a Man Once Said See Insert
Stanzas 4 and 5 sung seated
as the 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 Father,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. The next class is today at 12:15 p.m. in the FLC Great Hall. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and bring it with you to class.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING Walk Together Children Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Moses Hogan

Oh, walk together children,
don’t you get weary,
there’s a great camp-meeting
in the promised land.
Gonna walk and never tire.
Gonna sing and never tire.
Gonna shout and never tire.

Words and Music: Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

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