

FEBRUARY 18, 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 at the bottom of 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

Come, Celebrate the Call of God

English Melody

Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, celebrate the call of God that wakens and renews, and chooses from us, for our good, the bringers of good news. The Spirit's blessing all ordains to show what God has done, yet brings to focus and contains the many in the one.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose all of us;

That we are not here because of our goodness

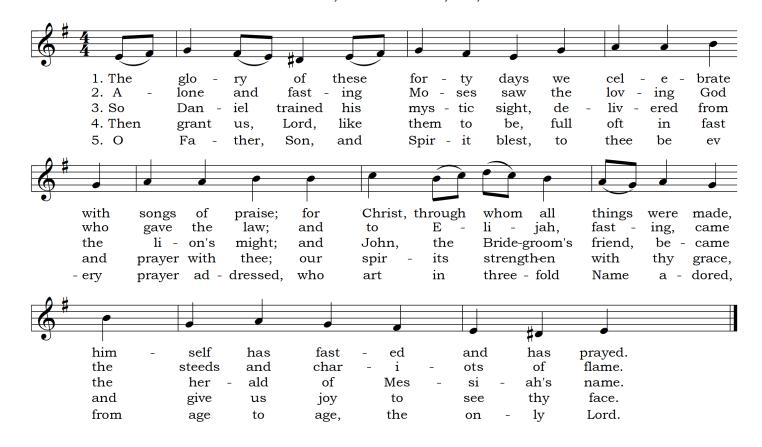
but because of Christ's grace;

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us:

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.



HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God,

help us to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that in understanding, we may believe and in believing, we may follow in faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 1:14-20 New Testament, page 33

HYMN 344

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore Stanza 1 and Refrain sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 344 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Stanza 3 and Refrain sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY

Are you interested in joining First Church? 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. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate or go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps.

MONTHLY MISSION EMPHASIS

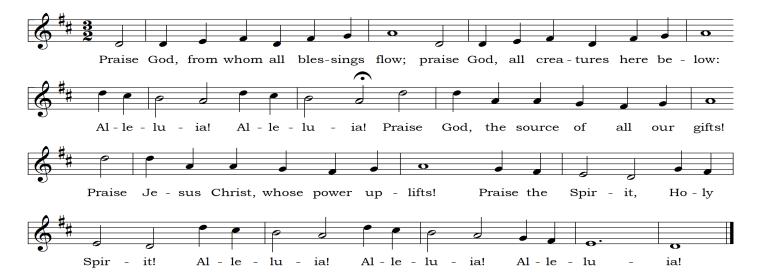
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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING The Fishermen Betty Pulkingham

They cast their nets in Galilee just off the hills of brown; such happy, simple fisherfolk, before the Lord came down. Contented, peaceful fishermen, before they ever knew the peace of God that filled their hearts brimful, and broke them too. The peace of God, it is no peace, but strife closed in the sod. Yet, let us pray for but one thing the marvelous peace of God.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

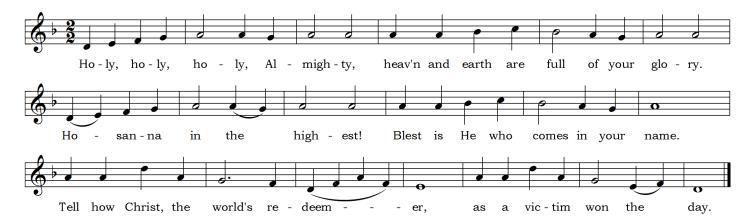
When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people.

When your people forsook your covenant,

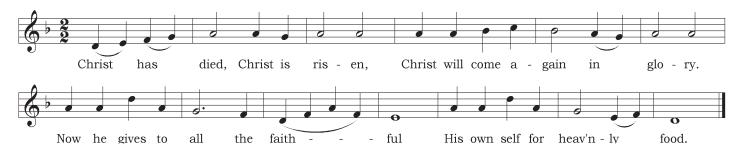
your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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:



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 is yours, almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

HYMNS DURING RECEIVING

340

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

365

Grace Greater than Our Sin

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.

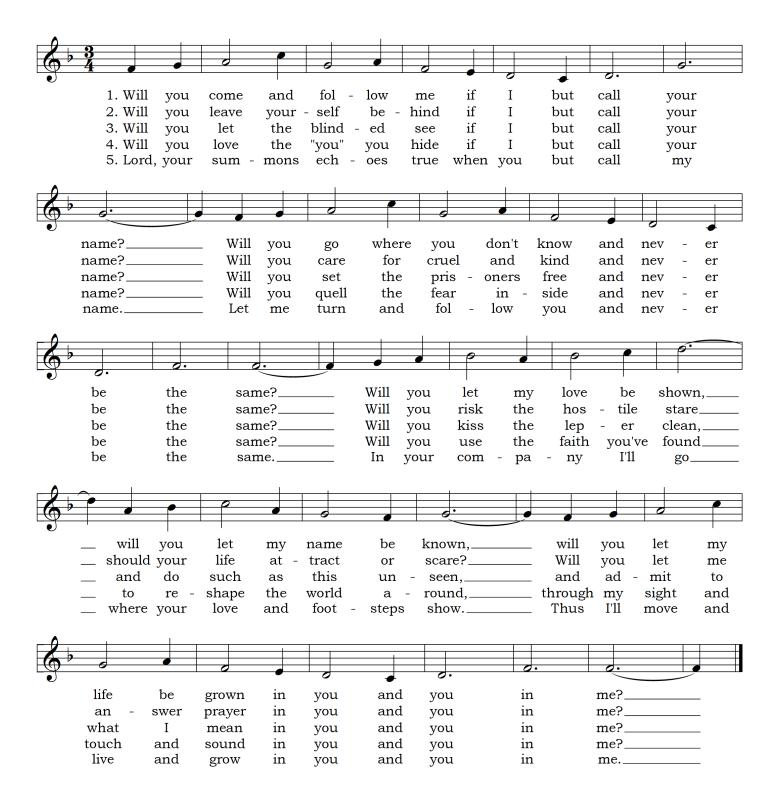
Send us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.

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



VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in honor of all who are working to end hunger in Austin and around the world through their participation in the CROP Hunger Walk next Sunday, February 25.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Dr. Brad King

Music: Scott Davis

WORSHIP MUSIC

Come, Celebrate the Call of God

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Music: Kingsfold, English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Glory of These Forty Days

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; trans. Maurice F. Bell

Music: Erhalt uns, Herr, melody from Geistliche Lieder; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach

The Fishermen

Words: William Alexander Percy

Music: Betty Pulkingham © 1972, 1975 Celebration

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt. by Gilbert H. Vieira, 1978

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

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The Summons

Music: Kelvingrove, trad. Scottish; arr. John Bell

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GREAT THANKSGIVING MUSICAL RESPONSES

Words: Trad. and Liturgy of St. James; trans. Gerard Moultrie

Music: Picardy, French carol melody

PRAYER REQUEST

