



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.

* HYMN

The Glory of These Forty Days



1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate
 2. A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing God
 3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered from
 4. Then grant us, Lord, like them to be, full oft in fast
 5. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it blest, to thee be ev



with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all things were made,
 who gave the law; and to E - li - jah, fast - ing, came
 the li - on's might; and John, the Bride-groom's friend, be - came
 and prayer with thee; our spir - its strengthen with thy grace,
 - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in three - fold Name a - dored,



him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 and give us joy to see thy face.
 from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

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

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!

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Al - migh - ty, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est! Blest is He who comes in your name.
 Tell how Christ, the world's re - deem - - - er, as a vic - tim won the day.

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 in glo - ry.
 Now he gives to all the faith - - - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.

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.

* HYMN

The Summons



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my



name? _____ Will you go where you don't know and nev - er
 name? _____ Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er
 name? _____ Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er
 name? _____ Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er
 name. _____ Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er



be the same? _____ Will you let my love be shown, _____
 be the same? _____ Will you risk the hos - tile stare _____
 be the same? _____ Will you kiss the lep - er clean, _____
 be the same? _____ Will you use the faith you've found _____
 be the same. _____ In your com - pa - ny I'll go _____



— will you let my name be known, _____ will you let my
 — should your life at - tract or scare? _____ Will you let me
 — and do such as this un - seen, _____ and ad - mit to
 — to re - shape the world a - round, _____ through my sight and
 — where your love and foot - steps show. _____ Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in me? _____
 an - swer prayer in you and you in me? _____
 what I mean in you and you in me? _____
 touch and sound in you and you in me? _____
 live and grow in you and you in me. _____

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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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

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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

