



June 16, 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.

LEARN MORE AT
www.fumcaustin.org

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

I Will Sing

Max Dyer

I will sing a song unto the Lord.
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.
We will come as one before the Lord.

Words: Max Dyer

Music: *Pulkingham*, Max Dyer

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

There is no longer Jew or Greek.
There is no longer slave or free.
There is no longer male and female.
For all are one in Christ Jesus.
Through faith and faithfulness,
 we are all God’s children.
And so let us worship our Divine Parent!

* HYMN

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground, where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and treas - ured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries of laugh - ter, prayers of



faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
veiled in time and space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:
im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
faith and songs of grace, let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Words: Marty Haugen

Music: *Two Oaks*, Marty Haugen

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MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT

Pride

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

Galatians 3:26–29

New Testament, page 178

HYMN 558

We Are the Church
Refrain, Stanza 1, and Refrain
sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Celebrating Vacation Bible School (VBS)

HYMN 558

We Are the Church
Refrain, Stanza 2, and Refrain
sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

Heirs of the Promise

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 895

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

God's Gifts

Bobby Jones / Arr. Benjamin Harlan

Fresh springs, mountain air, birds singing, beauty everywhere;
all of life, so rich and free, God gave this because God loves me.
And I thank God for the mountains and the rivers deep and wide,
for the wonder of a sunset and the glory of the sky!
And I thank God for Christ Jesus and his wondrous love for me,
and I pray the Holy Spirit might live and work through me.
Jesus came that we might see the love of God as humanity.
From the cross he set me free. God gave this because God loves me.
I thank God for Christ Jesus and his wondrous love for me,
and I pray the Holy Spirit might live and work through me.
Years ago I turned to him, he forgave my every sin.
From that day Christ has lived within, and I sing because I love him!

Words and Music: Bobby Jones; Arr. Benjamin Harlan

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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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GOING OUT TO SERVE

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR

To the members and friends of First United Methodist Church of Austin,
thank you for the love and support you have shown me
while I have ministered among you.

I am grateful for the ways you accepted my leadership among you.

Please forgive me for the mistakes I have made.

I have learned a great deal in our time together
and I take with me those learnings
and the joy of our relationships.

**We receive your thankfulness,
offer forgiveness,
and accept that you now leave to minister
at Cross Tracks United Methodist Church.**

Thank you for your time among us.

Forgive us for our mistakes.

**Your influence on our faith and faithfulness
remains with us and in our community.**

Thank you for your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you,
trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

We are now released from our relationship as pastor and member.

I give thanks for your continued ministry here
and you will always be in my prayers.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,
whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting,
we give you thanks for cherished memories
and commend one another into your care
as we move in new directions.**

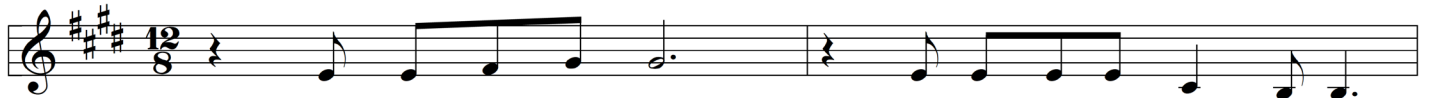
**Keep us one in your love forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

A Place at the Table



1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4. For just and un - just a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble,
 6. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - py to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.
 for gay and for straight, the chal - ice of grace.
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and joy, com -



pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when we are cre -



a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

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VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are placed in honor of Brad King and in celebration of his five years of ministry with First Church.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Brad King

Liturgist

Rev. Taylor Fuerst

Scripture Reader

John Burrow

Cantors

Scott Davis

Courtney Katzmeyer-Vielma

Linda VanHorne

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.

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.