



**April 21, 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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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 7 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, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you, O God,
to thank you for what is good.

**We come to you, O God,
to cry out for what is wrong.**

We come to you, O God,
to ask for help and restoration.

**We come to you, O God,
with aching hearts and glad souls.**

Let us worship God.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Almighty God,
through your only Son you overcame death
and opened to us the light of eternity.
Enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts
with the presence of your Spirit,
that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge
in the reading of the scriptures,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 1:1-14

New Testament, page 198

HYMN 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Stanza 1 sung seated
as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Stanza 3 sung seated
as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Korean Methodist Church

We believe in the one God,
creator and sustainer of all things, Father of Nations,
the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh,
our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins,
in the life of love and prayer,
and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God
contained in the Old and New Testaments
as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the Church,
those who are united in the living Lord
for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God
as the divine will realized in human society,
and in the family of God,
where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness,
and in the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray, please join in the response:

Lord, we are your people;
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 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.

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT

Mobile Loaves & Fishes

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING

Canticle of Fellowship

Craig Courtney

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
 clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
Forgive each other as the Lord forgave you.
And over all these virtues put on love.
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
 the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.
Before God's holy throne we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Love.
We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear;
 and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.
When we asunder, part, it gives us inward pain;
 but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.
From sorrow, toil, and pain and sin we shall be free;
 and perfect love and joy shall reign throughout eternity.
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in love.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be -
 low: Al-le-lu-ia! Christ is ris-en! 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! Christ is ris-en! Al-le-lu-ia!

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us ac-cept each oth-er as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les-sons, as in our dai-ly life
 3. Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to-day's en-coun-ters with all who are in need,
 teach us as sis-ter, bro-ther, each per-son to em-brace.
 we strug-gle to be hu-man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance, for righ-teous-ness and bread,
 Be pres-ent, Lord, a-mong us, and bring us to be-lieve
 Teach us to care for peo-ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac-tice your ac-cep-tance, un-til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see-ing, new hands for hold-ing on;
 we are our-selves ac-cep-ted and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them, or as they may be-come.
 the ta-ble of for-give-ness and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
 re-new us with your Spir-it; Lord, free us make us one!

VOLUNTARY

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are placed by Becky Ratliff in memory of Connie J. Payne.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist: Reverend John Hathaway

Music: Scott Davis

WORSHIP LITURGY

Call to Worship

Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, *Hold Fast to What Is Good*

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WORSHIP MUSIC

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

Words: George Herbert

Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams, adapt. E. Harold Geer

Canticle of Fellowship

Words: Colossians 3:12-14; John Fawcett

Music: Craig Courtney

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Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

Help Us Accept Each Other

Words: Fred Kaan

Music: *Merle's Tune*, Hal H. Hopson

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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00-10:45AM

ADULTS

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. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

Sunday School begins at 10:00AM and parents may take their children directly to their classrooms after getting a guardian sticker and their child's name tag from one of our check in stations. 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.