

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise
God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
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! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN - Geistliche Kirchengesänge; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN Give Thanks for Life

See Insert

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Jim and Jane Bowen in celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on August 19.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme

Reverend Cathy Stone

Caroline Jones

Music Director/Organist

Scott Davis

Duet

Chelsea DeLorenz and Mario Contreras

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 Trial Lawyer's garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and 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. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/sundayschool.

YOUTH

Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God's word. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

CHILDREN

For children ages 3 through 5th grade, we offer weekly guided Christian education, led by volunteer church members. Children are grouped by age and grade. Children's classes are located on the first floor of the Education Building. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

ONLINE GIVING

We offer two convenient ways to give online: (1) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving and/or (2) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.



AUGUST 26, 2018
11:00 a.m.

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 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 attend, join, and participate fully in the life of this church.

OUR FAMILIES

We love children and encourage you to bring them to worship. Activity clipboards are available in the sanctuary foyer for their enjoyment. Our Family Room in the balcony offers rockers, books, toys, and a diaper change station for parents with infants and toddlers. Childcare is also available for children through age 5 in Rooms 102-104 of the Education Building. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LEARN MORE AT
www.fumcaustin.org

GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

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

OPENING MUSIC

GREETING

All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Connections Card.

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 Let All Things Now Living Trad. Welsh Melody
Arr. Katherine K. Davis

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God’s banners fly o’er us;
God’s light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest hosanna and praise!

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

From troubled times and difficult walks,
we come to the arms of Christ.
From separate journeys and diverse experiences,
we gather to worship as one.
As brothers and sisters in Christ,
we come to God, who welcomes us here.

* **HYMN 111** How Can We Name a Love

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

A Journey of Faith

Don Besig

The Church of God has stood through all the ages,
a source of strength to all who gather there;
a place for all who seek God’s love
to join in worship and in prayer.
We honor those who bravely came before us,
who learned by faith to lay their fears aside.
They walked in grace and served with joy
for they trusted the Lord to be their guide.
Their faith in Christ would not be broken
as they walked in the light of his word;
and with the love and grace
they found in this place,
they went forth to serve the Lord.
The church of God will stand through all the ages,
a light of hope to shine so all may see;
a place for all to share God’s love
and find the comfort that they need.
And as a faithful family of believers,
we stand as one, united in his name.
We’ll place our trust in Christ our Lord,
and his praises we loudly will proclaim!
Our faith in Christ will not be broken!
We will walk in the light of his word;
and with the love and grace we find in this place,
we will go and serve our Lord.
Faithful servants for ever,
we will go forth hand in hand
facing challenges together
as we follow God’s command.

Don Besig / Nancy Price

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover peace;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:1-7 New Testament, page 198

HYMN 87 What Gift Can We Bring
*Stanzas 1, 2, and 3 sung seated
as the children come forward.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 369

Blessed Assurance
*Stanza 1 and refrain sung seated
as the children return to their seats.*

THIS IS MY STORY

Debbie Shaw, Leslie Ivey, and Peyton Ivey

SERMON

RESPONDING IN FAITH

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND LEADERS

THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

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. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card during worship and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org. The next class is September 9 at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel.

OFFERING Find Us Faithful Jon Mohr / Arr. Dennis Allen

We’re pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
and those who’ve gone before us line the way.
Cheering on the faithful,
encouraging the weary,
their lives a stirring testament
to God’s sustaining grace.
Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us run the race not only for the prize.
But as those who’ve gone before us,
let us leave to those behind us
the heritage of faithfulness
passed on through godly lives.
Oh, may all who come behind us find us faithful;
may the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave
lead them to believe;
and the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh, may all who come behind us, find us faithful.
After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone,
and our children sift through all we’ve left behind;
may the clues that they discover,
and the memories they uncover
become the light that leads them
to the road we each must find.

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