



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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are placed by Sandy Wilder in celebration of the 87th birthday of her late mother, Louise Stollenwerk, and the 37th birthday of the IBM personal computer, both of which changed history.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher

Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists

Reverend Michael Mumme
Kevin Waggoner

Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis

Cantor

Brad Heckler

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 12, 2018
9:00 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, wear a nametag, and to fill out the Connections Card.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are God's Church:

A church united across space and time.

A church of many races, languages, and ethnicities.

A church that lives by the work of God in Christ that was, is now, and is still to come.

The one who is seated on the throne says to us:

"See, I am making all things new!"

A new heaven and a new earth,

where the home of God is among God's people.

God's future is epic, and it's good news.

Remember God's future, for this is our story!

The Mennonite Church of Canada

* HYMN 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God,

help us so to hear your holy Word

that we may truly understand;

that, understanding, we may believe,

and believing, we may follow

in all faithfulness and obedience,

seeking your honor and glory in all that we do;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:7-21

New Testament, page 223

SERMON Living God's Story

RESPONDING IN FAITH

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

Marvelous Song

Tom Eggleston

Sing to the Lord a marvelous song,
a wonderful, glorious, jubilant song!

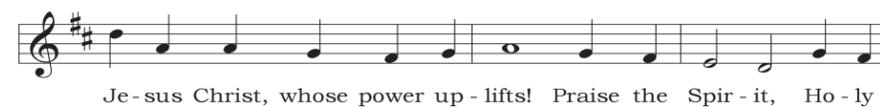
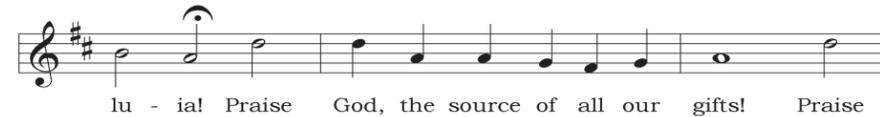
O sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

His right hand and holy arm
have won salvation for all!

When singers make music to the Lord,
his people proclaim his wondrous praise;
for Christ brings new songs of life
to all who call on his name!

Psalm 98, alt.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING



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

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

See Insert

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

We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly in the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

If you would like to be served in your seat, please let an usher know that or ask someone sitting near you to communicate that to the servers.

Gluten-free bread and cups are available at the left (north) side station. As you approach the servers, please indicate that you would like to receive gluten-free.

COMMUNION HYMNS

613 O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread

629 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

It is a United Methodist custom to receive a freewill love offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. All gifts left on the rail will go to our English as a Second Language (ESL) Ministry.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Let us pray:

God, our gracious Creator,

we give you thanks for the gift of life

to these who celebrate their birthdays in August.

Grant that they may make this new year in their lives

an offering that will enrich your world

and give you glory.

Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace

and strengthen their trust in your goodness

all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

CLOSING MUSIC

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