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 Texas Trial Lawyer’s Association 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.
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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Beloved Ones,
the God who is love welcomes you here.
Each of us is received with joy in this place.
This community is held in the embrace of God.
We are celebrated by our Creator,
delighted in by God and one another.
Because God has practiced love on our behalf,
so we seek to practice love of one another.
Through our actions, we will testify —
each and everyone one of us is beloved.

* HYMN
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
O Lord,
your Word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,
and strength to follow on the path you set before us;
Through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE
1 John 4:7-12
New Testament, page 223

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. The next class is today at 12:15 p.m. in FLGC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and bring it with you to class.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERTORY
Canticle of Hope

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 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 “Feed My People” Breakfast Ministry.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn
Christ, We Are Blest

Hymn
Come and Fill Our Hearts