**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

**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.

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN** 534  Be Still My Soul

**CLOSING MUSIC**

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**
The flowers are placed in celebration of the upcoming 40th Year Anniversary of the participation of our youth in ministry with the Appalachia Service Project.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgist: Reverend Cathy Stone
Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
May 26, 2019 11:00 a.m.

**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**

**OUR FAMILIES**
We love children in worship. Activity clipboards for children are available in the Sanctuary Foyer. 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 EDU Rooms 102-104.

**LEARN MORE AT**
www.fumcaustin.org
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
Come, Christians, Join to Sing
(Text: Hymn 158)
Arr. Scott Davis

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Out of a world of cut-throat competition, of winners-and-losers, and too many left behind we come together.
The world's ways are not our ways; the world's ways are not Christ's ways.

Out of a world of hatred and violence, individualism and life-taking power we gather as *Koinonia*, as God's people.

God's ways are inclusive, expansive, and life-giving for all peoples.

Come and worship the One whose love knows no limits!
Swim and splash in the cleansing waters of divine community!
Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship of the One!
Praise be to the Everlasting One!

* HYMN 451 Be Thou My Vision

OPENING PRAYER

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE
Cooper and Tyler Morgan-Robinson

HYMN

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 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 and place it in the offering plate or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING
Jerusalem Is Fair
Be Thou My Vision

HYMN
When Stephen, Full of Power and Grace
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

STRICTO VOCALISATION

THE PRAYERS I MAKE

The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed, if thou the spirit give by which I pray, my unassisted heart is barren clay, which of its native self can nothing feed; of good and pious works thou art the seed which quickens where thou sayest it may; unless thou show us then thine own true way, no one can find it!
Father, thou must lead!
Do thou, then, breathe those thoughts into my mind by which such virtue may in me be bred that in thy holy footsteps I may tread; the feters of my tongue do thou unbind, that I may have the power to sing of thee, and sound thy praises everlastingly.

Michelangelo Buonarroti; trans. by William Wordsworth

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
O Lord, open the eyes and ears of our hearts, that we may hear the words of challenge and comfort that the Spirit brings us this morning. Amen.

SCRIPTURE
Acts 7:51-8:1

HYMN
When Stephen, Full of Power and Grace
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Jerusalem is fair:
God's glory everywhere!
A home for king and peasant, for ages past and present.
How well the city shines with gems of many kinds, a river through it flowing and treasures past all knowing.
Its gates will never close, no danger from our foes!
The saints will enter in there, no place for shame or sin there.
God wipes all tears away; no death or pain can stay.
The old things now are going, a fresh new hope is growing.
"Thanksgiving to the King," his saints will ever sing.
Glad songs to him outpouring, our Lord and Savior adoring.

The Reverend W. F. Jabusch