CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed by Brooks and Heather Schuelke in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgists
Reverend Michael Mumme
Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis

WORSHIP MUSIC
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
May 19, 2019
9:00 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.
**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*

Gathered as one, welcoming all, we worship as a community of love. Gathered in love, giving thanks for life, we come to sing God’s praises. Let us worship the living God!

Mary J. Scifres, alt.

*HYMN* 257 We Meet You, O Christ

**OPENING PRAYER**

**MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT**

Mobile Loaves & Fishes (MLF)

**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 8:26-40 New Testament, page 120

**SERMON** Outcasts and Those Who Meet Them

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

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERING** Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day

Traditional Carol

Arr. Richard Shephard

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day,
I would my true love did so chance,
to see the legend of my play,
to call my true love to my dance.
Sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.
For thirty pence, Judas me sold,
his covetousness for to advance;
mark whom I kiss, the same behold,
the same is he shall lead the dance.
Sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.
Before Pilate I was brought, where Barrabus had deliverance,
they scourged me and set me at naught,
 judged me to die, to lead the dance.
Sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.
Then on the cross hanged I was
when a spear to my heart did glance;
there issued forth both water and blood,
to call my true love to my dance.
Sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.
Then up to heaven I did ascend,
when a spear to my heart did glance;
there issued forth both water and blood,
to call my true love to my dance.
Sing, O my love, this have I done for my true love.

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

**FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*

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 support our Mobile Loaves & Fishes Ministry.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Hymn Christ, We Are Blest

Hymn Come Bring Your Burdens to God

**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

Griffin Davis
Benjamin Hattaway
Grady Huffaker
Trent Huffaker
Thomas Wilson
Mia Zaia

* BENEDICTION*

*HYMN* The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

**CLOSING MUSIC**