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  See Insert
Hymn  Come Bring Your Burdens to God  See Insert

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

HYMN 534  Be Still My Soul

CLOSING MUSIC

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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
Cantor: Michael Carrillo
Piano: Susannah Willms
Violin: Evelyn Gullatt

COMMUNION MUSIC

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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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 26, 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.

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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

*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.

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

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

SERMON
Martyrs

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
City of God

Dan Schutte

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
See Insert

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.

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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