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 the peace and justice work of Austin Region of Justice for Our Neighbors (ARJFON).

COMMUNION MUSIC
629       You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
186       Alleluia

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN 369   Blessed Assurance

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed by Jack and Dana Wagner in celebration of their 10th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgist: Reverend Michael Mumme
Cantor: Michael Carrillo
Piano: Susannah Willms
Violin: Evelyn Gullatt

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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
June 2, 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
Today as we gather,
we search:

we search for joy on the journey together.

Today as we gather,
we pray:

we pray for sight for the blind
and healing for the sick.

Today as we gather,
we hear God’s promise through Jesus:

we hear of freedom for the prisoners
and good news for the poor.

Today as we gather,
we commit our lives to God’s world:

we believe in the coming of God’s topsy-turvy,
inside out, upside-down Kin-dom.

Let us worship the God
who makes all things new!

*HYMN
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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 16:16-34
New Testament, page 129

SERMON
Disruptors

RESPONDING TO 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
Voices That Challenge

Call us to hear the voices that challenge,
depth in the hearts of all people!

By serving your world as lovers and dreamers,
we become voices that challenge,
for we are the voice of God!

Voices that challenge:
the children who long to be heard and respected!
the lowly and broken destroyed by oppression!
the old and the fearful who hope for a new day!
the lives and the cries of the poor and the silenced!
the young ones who dream of a world free of hatred!
the sick and the dying who cry for compassion!
the ones who seek peace by their witness and courage!
the women who suffer the pain of injustice!
the people with AIDS and those plagued with addiction!
the prophetic leaders who call us to question!
the healers who teach us forgiveness and mercy!
the victims of violent abuse and aggression!
the Christ who gave his life that we might live!

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

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

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