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.
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, Great God of All the Ages

Scott Davis

Come, great God of all the ages,
make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person,
let your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment,
give direction now, we ask;
fit us for the work of building,
dedicate us to the task.
Come, O come, in celebration,
household of the one true God,
in commitment and rejoicing
let us go where Christ has trod.
As we act in faith and reverence,
let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant,
now and for eternity.

Mary Jackson Cathey

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to all who have come in search of something;
we have come to seek the living God.
Happy are those who find a way and follow that path;
we do not make this journey by ourselves.
Blessed are those who give their lives over to their Creator.
In faith, in trust, with hope, let us worship God.

* HYMN 117 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all times and places,
we need your guidance
on this journey through life.
Through your Word,
reveal your presence among us
and strengthen us in our walk today.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 2:13-23

HYMN

Be Not Afraid

Stanza 1 and Refrain sung seated
as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN

Be Not Afraid

Stanza 2 and Refrain sung seated
as the children return to their seats.

SERMON

A Journey Not Chosen

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYER FOR SUFFERING CHILDREN

HYMN

When Jesus Went to Egypt

See Insert

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. The next class is Sunday, September 8, at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate, go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps, or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

My Father, O my Father
hear thy weakest child’s imperfect call.
Now as a servant I appear,
and yet thou knowest me heir to all.
O make me know as I am known.
Who gave me these enlarged desires?
Who made me restless after God
and burnt me up with inward fires?
Oh let the Author now be shown:
speak, Father, am I not thy son?

Charles Wesley

HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising

Gustav Holst

O God beyond all Praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
and blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word,
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry

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OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM

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