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.

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
Siblings, we are called on a journey, a journey with God!
But where are we going?
We go where God calls us!
It may be dangerous.
God will go with us!
Will God bless us?
God will make us a blessing!
Then let God’s name be praised!

* HYMN 529  How Firm a Foundation

OPENING PRAYER

CELEBRATING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF CLERGY
Brothers and sisters in Christ, as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church by your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, will you who celebrate our shared calling support and uphold Taylor and Cathy in these ministries? We affirm our commitment to support you with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

HEARING GOD’S WORD

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  Genesis 12:1-9  Old Testament, page 9

SERMON  Journey with God: Going Anyway

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  God Leads Us Along  G. A. Young

In shady, green pastures, so rich and so sweet, God leads his dear children along; where the water’s cool flow bathes the weary one’s feet, God leads his dear children along. Some through the waters, some through the flood; some through the fire, but all through the blood; some through great sorrow, but God gives a song, in the night season and all the day long. Sometimes on the mount, where the sun shines so bright, sometimes in the valley, in darkest of night, God leads his dear children along. Though sorrows befall us and evils oppose, through grace we can conquer, defeat all our foes, God leads his dear children along.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* 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 communicated, 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 Justice for Our Neighbors (ARJFON).

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn  Come, Share the Lord

1. We gather, he joins us here, soon Je-sus breaks the bread, singing; his love is the Lord who we’ll see the Lord pours the cup of our hearts like ris- en; and liv-ing, com-ing, love the most ti-ci-pate- ing on the earth for us, and makes us one: Come, take the breach of the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

2. No one is a stranger here, fam-i-lies ev-ery one be longs; bread; come, though un-seen for he meets us here, we in the Lord.

3. He joins us S. We'll gather