BIRTHDAY BLESSING
Let us pray:
God, our gracious Creator,
we give you thanks for the gift of life
to these who celebrate their birthdays in July.
Grant that they may make this new year in their lives
an offering that will enrich your world
and give you glory.
Cause them to grow in wisdom and grace
and strengthen their trust in your goodness
all the days of their lives; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

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.

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**

Beloveds, rise up! God calls us to courage.

We are made for days like these. With hearts that burn for justice, and the strength to face our fears, we are alive to the possibilities of Love. Present to the pain around us, we hold each other close. Pressing on in faith, guided by collective wisdom, the dreams of God will lead us.

**HYMN**

Praise with Joy the World’s Creator

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**OPENING PRAYER**

**HEARING GOD’S WORD**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 10:25-37

New Testament, page 68

**FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*THE LORD’S PRAYER* 895

**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.

**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 go to Mission Projects During Vacation Bible School. For more information, see the FUMC Weekly.

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

618       Let Us Break Bread Together

Live In Charity

Words and Music: Jacques Berthier

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**COMMUNITY LIFE**

**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**

**OFFERING**

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING*