**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.
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.

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
I Will Worship You, Lord

I will worship you, Lord, with all of my might,
I will praise you with a song.
We will worship you, Lord, with all of our might,
we will praise you with a song.
For thou, O Lord, art glorious,
and thy name is greatly to be praised;
may our hearts be pure and holy in thy sight
as we worship you with all of our might.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP
God our Mother, our Father, our Creator,
who made the heavens and earth
we are your children,
and we are in awe of all you have made.
Christ the Son, our Redeemer and Savior,
you lived and died for us all
you live again,
and have prepared the way for us.
Holy Spirit, the Sustainer,
you move in us and among us
we follow your wisdom
and feel your presence.
God, Triune, Three-in-one,
help us to know you more fully.
Guide us in this time of worship.
Amen.
Reverend Mindi, alt.

* HYMN
Praise with Joy the World’s Creator

OPENING PRAYER

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT
English as a Second (ESL) Ministry

ANTHEM
For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter
For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our joyful hymn of praise.

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HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord,
open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 28:16-20
New Testament, page 32

HYMN
405 Seek Ye First
Sung seated as the children come forward.

HYMN
507 Through It All
Sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON
Do I Really Have to Believe in the Trinity and the Divinity of Jesus?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
As we pray, join in the response:
Trusting in your mercy,
we offer you our prayers.

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

OFFERING
Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song

Peter Causen

Like the murmur of the dove’s song,
like the challenge of her flight,
like the vigor of the wind’s rush,
like the new flame’s eager might:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
To the member’s of Christ’s body,
to the branches of the Vine,
to the church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
With the healing of division,
with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.