ALL ARE WELCOME

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 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
**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!”

Psalms 122:1

**ENTERING THE HOLY**

*CALL TO WORSHIP*

God has invited you here!
We have come to meet God and one another.
God has made you a church!
We are growing together in faith and love.
God is calling you to new journeys together!
We are listening and ready to follow God’s call.

*HYMN*

All Are Welcome
See Last Panel

**OPENING PRAYER**

**ANTHEM**

**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**

Ephesians 4:1-16
New Testament, page 182

**HYMN 558**

We Are the Church
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated
as the children come forward.

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

We Are the Church
Stanzas 3 and 4 sung seated
as the children return to their seats.

**HYMN 558**

We Are the Church
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated
as the children come forward.

**SERMON**

Do I Really Have to Go to Church?

**RESPONDING IN FAITH**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**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 today at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and bring it with you.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**OFFERING**

Ashokan Farewell
Jay Ungar

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

As we sing the following, those with birthdays in September are invited to come forward for a prayer of blessing.

**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 September.
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.

**GOING OUT TO SERVE**

*BENEDICTION*  

*HYMN 584*  Lord, You Give the Great Commission

**CHANCEL FLOWERS**

The flowers are placed by Steve and Pam Tackett in celebration of their 52nd wedding anniversary.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgyists
Reverend Cathy Stone
Dr. Brad King

Piano
Susannah Willms

Violin
Evelyn Gullatt

**NEXT SUNDAY**

On September 15, join us for worship as we hear the Word preached by Reverend Laura Merrill, an ordained elder in the Rio Texas Conference. Having served churches throughout the conference, Reverend Merrill is now appointed as the Assistant to the Bishop. In June, she was elected to lead the Rio Texas delegation to the 2020 General Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In addition, Rev. Merrill has a long-time FUMC connection: she is the granddaughter of beloved FUMC Associate Pastor, Bruno Schmidt, one of the two people for whom our Family Life Center is named.