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.

SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

9:00 a.m.

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
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

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

SERMON
Do I Really Have to Go to Church?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY
Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask
each member of the congregation 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
We Are Called to Tell the Story
Ruth Duck

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.
Gifts left on the rail will go to Global Mission Fellows. For more information, see the cover of The Weekly.

COMMUNION MUSIC
629 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
628 Eat this Bread

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

BIRTHDAY BLESSING
Let us pray:

God, our gracious Creator,
we give you thanks for the gift of life
to those 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.
Causing 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

CLOSING MUSIC

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

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgist: Dr. Brad King
Cantor: Michael Carrillo
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.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
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.

The Book of Common Prayer, 1979, alt.

COMMUNITY OF FAITH