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.

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GOING OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

HYMN 374 Standing on the Promises

CLOSING MUSIC

CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed by The Downtowners Class in joyful celebration of and deep respect and admiration for the Wedding Ring Class.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher
Reverend Laura Merrill

Liturgists
Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Reverend Cathy Stone

Associate Conductor FUMC Choir
Mario Contreras

Organist
Michael de la Garza

Saboist
Christina Whitford

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SEPTEMBER 15, 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.

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
Since our beginning, God has been seeking us out.
God meets us in the wilderness,
in liberation,
in sanctuaries,
in flesh like ours.
The Holy One invites us:
abide with me,
and I will abide with you.
God,
make us one with Love,
one with Justice,
one with all that is Sacred.

* HYMN 139 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

OPENING PRAYER

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT
Global Mission Fellows

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord Jesus Christ,
as we hear the reading of holy scripture,speak to us your words of spirit and life.
Amen.


SERMON

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. The next class is Sunday, November 17, 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 Give Me Jesus

*MUSIC

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

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,
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory, forever.
Amen.

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Hymn Let Us Be Bread

377 It Is Well with My Soul

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING