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.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN 670 Go Forth for God

CLOSING MUSIC

CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed by Kevin and Haley Rose in honor of Ethan Rose’s birthday.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgists
Reverend Cathy Stone
Dr. Brad King

Music Director/Organist
Scott Davis

Associate Conductor FUMC Choir
Mario Contreras

Soloist
Christina Whitford

WORSHIP MUSIC
Bless Thou the Gifts
Words: Samuel Longfellow
Music: DEUS TUORUM MILITUM - Grenoble Antiphoner; adapt. by Ralph Vaughan Williams

OCTOBER 20, 2019
11:00 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.

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
Come, Great God of All the Ages
Scott Davis

Come, great God of all the ages,
make your earthly mission known;
speak through every deed and person,
and your way and will be shown.
Guide the church to true commitment,
give direction now we ask;
fit us for the work of building,
dedicate us to the task.
Come, O come, in celebration,
household of the one true God,
in commitment and rejoicing
let us go where Christ has trod.
As we act in faith and reverence,
let us, Lord, the future see;
place us in the church triumphant,
now and for eternity.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP
Rejoice and be glad, people of God.
God is making all things new.
Sing for joy, siblings in Christ.
God bathes us in the well of salvation.
Dance with delight, heirs of the Spirit.
God has turned our sorrow into laughter.
Rejoice and be glad, people of God.

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* HYMN
God Whose Giving Knows No Ending
See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM
Here I Am, Lord
Dan Schutte/Arr. Craig Courtney
(Words Hymn 593)

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Almighty God,
your word is a treasure
of wisdom and knowledge.
Help us to hear the word,
keep the word,
and teach the word.
Let it be as clear to us
as if we are wearing it on our hands,
writing it on our foreheads,
and displaying it on our doorposts.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen.

PROVERBS 11:24-28
Old Testament, page 568

HYMN
Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver
See Insert

STANZAS 1 AND 2 SUNG SEATED AS THE CHILDREN COME FORWARD.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN
Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver
See Insert

STANZAS 3 AND 4 SUNG SEATED AS THE CHILDREN RETURN TO THEIR SEATS.

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.

CONSECRATION OF OUR PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS
Gracious and loving God,
giver of all that is good and life-giving,
these cards represent our sweat and hard work,
our hopes and dreams.
The commitments which we make on them are a response to the awesome gifts you have given to us.
They are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received,
for all we have been inspired to be,
for all we are challenged to become,
in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may grow to become more generous, and more like you.

Help us to see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities.
May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering; it is us on the table, for our lives are living sacrifices to you.
Give us grace to uphold the commitments that we make as we follow you each day.
Use the habits we keep to transform our lives for your glory.
Amen.

HYMN
399 Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated

OFFERING
Let Everything That Hath Breath
Jeffery L. Ames

Sing unto the Lord a new song.
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.
Declare his glory among the nations.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!
Magnify the Lord with me and exalt his name together.
Hallelujah, bless his name for he’s worthy to be praised.
Clap your hands all ye people.
Shout with a voice of triumph!
For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to praised.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought; bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.