GOING OUT TO SERVE

*BENEDICTION

* HYMN 369  Blessed Assurance

CLOSING MUSIC  *    *    *

CHANCEL FLOWERS  *    *    *

The flowers are placed by Steve and Dixie Houston in celebration of their 35th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher  
Reverend John McMullen

Liturgists  
Reverend Taylor Fuerst  
Karen Hattaway  
Handbell Director  
Shirley Derryberry  
Cantor  
Michael Carrillo  
Piano  
Susannah Willms  
Violin  
Evelyn Gallatt

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 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
We gather together to celebrate the joy in our lives.
God’s love fills our hearts to overflowing with laughter.

We gather, in God’s presence, to find comfort and hope for our pain.
God’s grace wipes away our tears and knits us together as one people.

We gather together, in God’s presence, to worship God in faith and truth.
Alleluia! Amen!

* HYMN
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

MINISTRY MOMENT
Cindy Walter

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.

SCRIPTURE
Mark 10:46-52

SERMON
Giving Jesus a Chance

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
This Little Light of Mine
Traditional Spiritual
Arr. Benjamin A Tucker

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING
See Insert

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

COMMUNION MUSIC
617       I Come with Joy
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 these who celebrate their birthdays in October.
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.