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.
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
Morning Has Broken
Arr. Alec Wyton
Words: Hymn 145

* CALL TO WORSHIP
You call us yours, O God, so here we are, gathered, trusting you will nourish us on this journey.
In faith, we show up.

In a world that is aching, we bring our weary hearts, longing for a glimpse of hope.
In faith, we show up.

You call us to imagine alternative ways of living and loving together, creating a world where all life flourishes.
In faith, we show up.

Even though we sometimes struggle to believe that change is possible.
In faith, we show up.

You, O God, always show up for us. Your faithfulness and abiding presence extends through the ages, connecting us to the saints who have gone before us and those who have yet to come, weaving our lives together through the work of liberation.
Thanks be to the One who teaches us what it means to show up.

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* HYMN
Praise with Joy the World’s Creator

OPENING PRAYER

ANTHEM
A Psalm of Thanksgiving
Timothy Shaw

Come, all the earth, and praise the Lord. Be joyful and sing, for the Lord is good. God’s mercy is forevermore; oh come, be joyful, praise the Lord. You know the Lord is God who made us, and we are his, we are his sheep, the sheep of his pasture. Let us sing an allelu, alleluia. Give thanks to God and bless his name! Come, all the earth, and praise the Lord. Be joyful and sing, for the Lord is good. God’s mercy is forevermore; oh come, be joyful, praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.
Psalm 100, alt.
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MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT
Christmas Eve Breakfast for the Homeless

BLESSING OF MARRIAGE
Scott Krell and Kathleen Malaspina

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
God, of the poor, your Son Jesus was born among us poor, humble, and dependent.
Through the reading and preaching of your Word, open our eyes, our hearts, and our hands to welcome Christ in those who are hungry and thirsty, in all who are abandoned and lonely, in refugees, in the poor and the sick.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE
John 4:5-30
New Testament, page 90

HYMN 434 When the Poor Ones
Stanzas 1 and 2 sung seated as the children come forward.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HYMN 434 When the Poor Ones
Stanza 3 sung seated as the children return to their seats.

SERMON
At the Well

RESPONDING IN FAITH

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

* THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

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 register, fill out the Connections Card during worship and bring it with you to class.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING
Abundant Life

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflowers growing, for we are part of all that is, within life’s river flowing.

With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation, that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night and weary, wait for morning, when children have no bread but tears, and warhorns sound their warning, God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor, that all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating a future free from want or fear, life’s goodness celebrating, that new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor, that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.

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