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.

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. Today, all gifts left on the rail will go to our Christmas Eve Breakfast for the Homeless. For more information, see The Weekly.

COMMUNION MUSIC
Hymn      All Who Hunger      See Insert
Hymn      In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful      See Insert

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.

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.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

HYMN
664  Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

CLOSING MUSIC

CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed in thanksgiving for the clergy, staff, and congregation of FUMC Austin.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher: Reverend Junius Dotson
Liturgist: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Cantor: Victoria Tijerina
Singer: Jan Morris
Piano: Susannah Willms

NOVEMBER 24, 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
Rejoice in the Lord always!
Again, I say rejoice!
Our Lord is good,
and we are God’s people!
God’s steadfast love is eternal!
We will enter the gates of the Lord
with praise and thanksgiving!
Give thanks to the Lord!
Bless God’s holy name!
Rejoice in the Lord always!
Again, I say rejoice!
Bill Hoppe

HYMN 92
For the Beauty of the Earth

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Father God,
teach us how to dance
to the rhythm of your wisdom;
show us how to laugh
with the insights of your truth,
so that we can live for the praise of your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SCREPRINT
Philippians 4:4-8
New Testament, page 187

SERMON
How to Be Thankful in Tough Times

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. 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 a Grateful Heart  Joseph M. Martin
Give me a grateful heart
that moves in humble praise.
Lord, give me a heart that beats
your goodness and your grace.
Lord, let me show your love
and gratefulness each day.
In the time of storm,
in the shadows of the night.
There flows a perfect peace
sent from your throne above.
When the morning breaks,
when your blessings I can see.
In a never ending stream,
more than I could ever dream.
I find the fullness of your perfect love.

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.