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
This Is the Hour of
Banquet and of Song
Sidney Watson

This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee. Too soon we rise, we go our several ways; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone, the Bread and Wine consumed, yet all our days thou still art here with us - our Shield and Sun.
Horatius Bonar

* CALL TO WORSHIP
Gather around, you are welcome here, and you will hear Good News.

In a world where there are so many discouraging and negative voices the God of encouragement will speak to you today.

So come in, relax, let your tiredness roll away. Lift up your hearts, and listen. Let us worship the Lord!
Ann Siddall, alt.

* HYMN 548 In Christ There Is No East or West

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Penetrate the corners of our hearts with your Word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation.
Amen.


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 today at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and bring it with you to class.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OFFERING
God, My Shepherd, Walks Beside Me
Johann Sebastian Bach
(Cantata 208)

God, my shepherd, walks beside me, and I know God’s way is best. Where God’s tender care doth guide me, shall no evil e’er betide me, in God’s love I calmly rest.
Solomon Franck

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
See Insert

* PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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