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 HYMNS
God Is Waiting at the Table
Come, Share the Lord

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 ministries for women experiencing homelessness, At the Well and Cold Weather Shelter. For more information, see The Weekly.

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.

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.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

COMMISSIONING 2020 FUMC LEADERSHIP

* BLESSING

* HYMN

The Church of Christ
Cannot Be Bound

CLOSING MUSIC

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CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed in loving memory of Mary Louise Allen Cooley from the Cooley, Loocke, and Richardson families.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgist: Dr. Brad King
Cantor: Michael Carrillo
Piano: Susannah Willms
Violin: Evelyn Gullatt

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
Out of God’s great love for us, we are set free from all that seeks to destroy.
In Christ, we are made alive to new possibilities!
No matter our income.
No matter our identities.
No matter our past actions or future failures.
God’s graciousness extends to us all.

Let us worship God, who created and loves all the world.

*HYMN
Gather Us In

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Almighty God,
in you are hidden all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge.
Open our eyes
that we may see the wonders of your Word;
and give us grace
that we may clearly understand and freely choose
the way of your wisdom.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE
John 3:16-17

SERMON
The World Is the Aim, Not the Enemy

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, February 2, 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
Unsettled World

Unsettled world,
where people long to find their way,
to feel secure,
from lives of turbulence and rush,
we come, to seek your peace, our God,
your word to hear, our faith to live.

Unsettled world,
where money rules
and greedy systems call the tune;
for strength to keep our values straight
we come, with trust in you, O God,
your word to hear, our faith to live.

Unsettled world,
where angry poor from grinding need
at affluence stare,
with tears and thirst for truth and right
we come, with longing in our hearts,
your word to hear, our faith to live.

Unsettled world, unsettled church,
whose structures creak and doctrines swirl,
by faith, and in the strength of Christ,
we strive in true community,
your word to hear, our faith to live.

David Sparks
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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.