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
617  I Come with Joy
620  One Bread, One Body

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 Feed My People Breakfast Ministry. For more information, see The Weekly.

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.

ENTERING THE HOLY

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!

HYMN
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.

Romans 12:1-8

SERMON
You Are Not Meant to Do This Alone

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
City of God

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep, a new day is dawning for all those who weep. The people in darkness have seen a great light, the Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

Let us build the city of God may our tears be turned into dancing. For the Lord, our light and our love, has turned the night into day.

We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of day. The One who has loved us, has brightened our way. The Lord of all kindness has called us to be a light for his people to set their hearts free.

God is light, in him there is no darkness; let us walk in his light, his children, one and all. O comfort my people, make gentle your words; proclaim to my city the day of her birth. O city of gladness, now lift up your voice; proclaim the good tidings, that all may rejoice.

City of God

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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.