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.

COMMUNION HYMNS
549   Where Charity and Love Prevail
408   The Gift of Love

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.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE
*BENEDICTION

*HYMN 89    Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

CLOSING MUSIC

CHANCEL FLOWERS
The flowers are placed by the Downtowners Sunday School Class in honor of Reverend Cathy Stone’s steadfast work and friendship with our homeless neighbors.

WORSHIP LEADERS
Preacher: Reverend Taylor Fuerst
Liturgist: Dr. Brad King
Music Director/Organist: Scott Davis

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.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPHPHANY
February 16, 2020
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

This is the day the Lord has made! We come rejoicing and giving thanks. This is the day God invites us to love and to live. We seek to dwell in God's love as we turn our hearts toward God. This is the day to worship our creator and redeemer. We worship the God of life.

**HYMN 111**  
How Can We Name a Love

**OPENING PRAYER**

**MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT**

Feed My People Breakfast Ministry

**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.

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Corinthians 13:1-8, 13

New Testament, page 165

**SERMON**

Love Changes Everything

**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, April 19, 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**

There’s a Wideness In God’s Mercy

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; there’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good; there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven; there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful we should rest upon God’s word; and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Frederick William Faber

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING**

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**FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE**

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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**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.