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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

617 I Come with Joy
618 Let Us Break Bread Together

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 United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). For more information, see The Weekly.

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* BENEDICTION

* HYMN Sunday’s Palms Are Wednesday’s Ashes

CLOSING MUSIC + + +

CHANDELLE FLOWERS

The flowers are placed in loving honor of Jimmie Sue Francis by her family.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher
Reverend Taylor Fuerst

Liturgist
Reverend Cathy Stone

Cantors
Michael Carrillo
Victoria Tijerina

Piano
Susannah Willms
Violin
Evelyn Gullatt

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1, 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.

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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
God of salvation’s joy,
we gather to celebrate and revere you.
We come, realising that we are broken.
Forgive and re-create us.

God of unfailing love,
we gather to worship and honor you.
We come, and because of your compassion,
forgive and renew us.

God of new beginnings,
we gather to praise and thank you.
We come, and through your grace and mercy,
forgive and restore us,
so that with clean hearts we may truly worship you.
Amen.

* HYMN
Lord Through These Forty Days
See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Gracious God,
give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts,
that we may receive what you have revealed
and do what you have commanded.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE
Psalm 51:1-17
Old Testament, page 501

SERMON
Asking

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 CONFESSION
Grace-filled God,
we confess that we are mired in sin
and cannot get free on our own.
We have judged others based on skin color, gender, sexuality,
religion, nationality, and ability.
We have preferred the ease and simplicity
of placing others into boxes over the complexity
of getting to know one another as siblings.
We have contributed to and often benefited from
systems that maintain the power of a privileged few.
We have remained silent in the face of racism
and other forms of prejudice.
Through both our action and inaction,
war, poverty, and environmental degradation
continue on massive scales.
We have ignored your prophets
and turned from your command
to put you first and our neighbor second.
Forgive our ignorance.
Forgive our silence.
Forgive our sin.
May your love overwhelm us,
may your peace disturb us,
and may your spirit move us
so that we cannot help but do your will
at all times and in all places,
always glorifying your name.
Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE
Hear the good news!
Jesus came to call us to repentance.
Jesus died that we might be forgiven.
Jesus was resurrected
that we might know eternal life.
In his name, your sins are forgiven.
Turn towards God and sin no more.

OFFERING

Change our hearts this time,
your word says it can be.
Change our minds this time,
your life could make us free.
We are the people your call set apart,
Lord, this time, change our hearts.
Brought by your hand to the edge of our dreams.
One foot in paradise, one in the waste.
Drawn by your promises, still we are lured
by the shadows and the chains we leave behind.
Show us the way that leads to your side,
over the mountains and sands of the soul.
Be for us manna, water from stone,
light which says we never walk alone.

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FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
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