

reconnecting your spirit without disconnecting your mind

**first united methodist church
eleven:eleven celebration
november 19, 2017**



**celebration leaders
tom mcdermott, brad thompson
& charme robarts**

gathering and registration

(please use this time to connect with others and to register your attendance; bring your attendance card to the altar during our time of offering and singing or scan the qr code on the back or go to fumcfw.org/celebrationattendance to register online from your smartphone)

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register your attendance!**



the welcome candle

lori matheny

come, come, whoever you are. wanderer, worshiper, lover of
leaving. it doesn't matter. ours is not a caravan of despair.
come, even if you have broken your vows a thousand times.
come, yet again

gift of song

“today i’m gonna try and change the world”

written by johnny reid

performed by eleven:eleven revolution

invocation

offering song

(these offerings go toward the support of
fumc ministries, including 11:11 celebration.

***dollar bills collected in november will support
community advocate financial assistance.***

“we gather together”

**we gather together to ask for god's blessing;
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own
the powers that oppress us now cease to distress us
o god be present with us, and make your will known**

**beside us to guide us, our god we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life
yes, yours be the glory let all tell the story
oh god be ever with us, in gladness and strife**

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to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own
the powers that oppress us now cease to distress us
o god be present with us, and make your will known**

passing the peace

(exchanging gifts of greeting and peace with one another)

gift of song

“thanksgiving song”

written by mary chapin carpenter

performed by eleven:eleven revolution

kairos moment

*(the ancient greeks had two words for time, chronos and kairos.
kairos is “a time in between” – sacred time.)*

opening our hearts and minds

travis matheny

genesis 11: 1-9 (nrsv, adapted)

all people on the earth had one language and the same words. when they traveled east, they found a valley in the land of shinar and settled there. they said to each other, "let's make bricks to withstand the winds of change." so they used bricks for stones and asphalt for mortar. they said, "now, let's build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the sky, and let's make a name for ourselves so that we won't be dispersed over all the earth."

then the lord came down to see the city and the tower that the humans built. and the lord said, "there is now one people and they all have one language. this is what they have begun to do, and now all that they plan to do will be possible for them. come, let's go down and mix up their language there so they won't understand each other's language." then the lord scattered them from there over all of the earth, and they stopped building the city. therefore, it is named babel, because there the lord mixed up the language of all the earth; and from there dispersed them over all the earth.

mark 10:42-45 (ceb)

jesus called them over and said, "you know that the ones who are considered the rulers by the gentiles show off their authority over them and their high-ranking officials order them around. but that's not the way it will be with you. whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the human one didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people."

message

"giving thanks for a big messy table"

rev. tom mcdermott

gift of song

"gathering of spirits"

written by carrie newcomer

performed by eleven:eleven revolution

blessing

"the gathering of spirits"

let it go my love, my truest; let it sale on silver wings
life's a twinkling, that's for certain; but it's such a fine thing.
there's a gathering of spirits; there's a festival of friends
and we'll take up where we left off, when we all meet again
yes, we'll take up where we left off, when we all meet again.

eleven:eleven revolution

brad thompson - acoustic guitar & vocals

kevin grove - electric guitar / mike brown - bass guitar

jon fortman - drums / dace sultanov - cello

laurie simmons - piano

david rosario & jim miller - saxophones
lori dreier, avary vaughn, alaina gunter - vocals
austin patton & iain kirk - sound engineers
justin emerick, - av tech

some thoughts for the journey

for small creatures such as we, the vastness is bearable only through love. - *carl sagan*

if the only prayer you ever say is "thank you", that will be enough.
- *meister eckhart*

the movement of grace toward gratitude brings us from the package of self-obsession to a spiritual awakening. gratitude becomes peace. - *anne lamott*

if you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else.
- *booker t washington*

programs and events

WINE & WISFUL THINKING - **mondays | 7:00 – 8:30 pm | 1628 park place** *conversation on faith, sunday's message, or topics of the day.* tmcdermott@myfumc.org

"SMALL, Dancing LIGHT"

AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Available in Wesley Hall and at the Welcome Center

BLESSING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

Pick up treat boxes in Adult Sunday School



Classes, Children's Wing & Welcome Center, Sundays, November 26 & December 3 | Deliver to first responders December 1 – 31

The Advent season provides a wonderful opportunity to bless our many local first responders who so willingly serve the various communities represented within our congregation. We invite you to pick up a box, which includes an invitation to worship with us on Christmas Eve, fill it with baked goods, and then deliver it to your local police or fire station. **Contact:** Sammye Dunn sammyelou9@gmail.com

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