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WORSHIP

Gathering to focus on God together

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Talking and listening to God's direction

ARE YOU NEW?

If you would like to find your **Worship Plus One**, we would love to visit with you and help you explore the FUMCFW groups or ministries of special interest to you! Finding your **Worship Plus One** will help you meet others, build relationships, and grow stronger in your faith.

For details, please email Lisa Helm (lhelm@myfumc.org), Director of Welcoming Ministries or Dr. Mike Marshall (mmarshall@myfumc.org), Associate Pastor of Leadership Development — and be sure to include your phone number in your email!

🔍 Googling Jesus 🎤

Answers to your most asked questions

Traditional Worship

June 27, 2021

“Why does Jesus speak in parables?”

Matthew 13:10-17

Dr. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, Associate Pastor

Please silence your cell phone as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.



Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth — we are so glad that you are worshiping with us today!

Please let us know you are here by signing the registration pad or, online, by using the attendance button or leaving a comment on Facebook.

Every one dollar bill (\$1) placed in the black offering boxes benefits the First Street Methodist Mission.

The Crossroad Singers is a folk and bluegrass ensemble that has contributed to worship at First United Methodist Church since 1997. Led by David Grant, Director, today's Crossroad Singers also include: Lavonne Cockerell Trish Hill Justin Holt Kent Kilbourne Jeff Siewert Tracey Smith Ron White

Welcome

Dr. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Twelve Gates to the City”

Traditional African-American spiritual
Crossroad Singers

Choral Call to Worship

*Call to Worship

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

One: God, You are at work in the stories of our lives, shaping us to be more like You.

All: Give us eyes to see Your hands at work.

One: Your voice calls us forward, into the world around us as beacons of light, of hope, of Your love and goodness.

All: Give us ears to hear Your call. Amen.

*Hymn 454: “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

*Affirmation of Faith 883

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Please be seated

Sacrament of Baptism

Olivia Augustat and Rajeev Voleti, adult baptisms
Abigail Lyanna Anthony, daughter of Kellie and Maxwell Anthony

Congregational Response

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Abigail Lyanna, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.

Faith Like a Child

“Mister Mark” Burrows, Director of Children's Ministries

Hymn: “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

**Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world,
Every nation, every race,
All are held in his embrace,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

Announcements

Offertory: “Music's from God”

C. David Grant, composer

*Doxology 95

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Scripture: Matthew 13:10-17

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Why does Jesus speak in parables?”

Pastoral Prayer

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. (Matthew 6:9-13)

*Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Hymn 600: “Wonderful Words of Life”

*Benediction

One: Our gathering will soon be ended. Where will we go, and what will we do?

All: We will go out to be God's people in the world.

One: May grace, peace, hope, love, and joy forever accompany you. Amen.

*Congregational Benediction: “We are called”

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!**

*Postlude: “Give Me That Old Time Religion”

Gordon Young, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist

“Faith Like a Child” is our FUMCFW children's sermon for young worshipers of all ages.

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is at 9:00 am weekdays on Facebook Live.

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Join us for GROW Bible Study:

Wednesdays

10:00 – 11:00 am
Room 350
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Room 350 & Zoom

To register or learn more go to fumcfw.org/grow.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas L. Uhr, Mrs. Sheila Uhr, Mr. & Mrs. Jack B. Morris, Mr. & Mrs. E.R. Morris and Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Hutchison by Mr. Bill Uhr and family.