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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 First Church 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!



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Discipleship is the process of being shaped by the Holy Spirit through spiritual practices to become more like Jesus. **Healthy Plate Discipleship** uses a variety of practices to help you more faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Try all six areas to grow strong in faithful discipleship. Learn more at fumcfw.org/healthyplate.

WORSHIP

Worship is an expression of our love and need of God. When the community gathers for worship, God teaches us, draws us closer to one another, transforms our lives, and equips us for the work and mission of the coming week.

LEARN

Learning is the intentional pursuit of knowledge and a growing understanding of who God is. Study exposes us to God's complexity, opens us to new ideas, and can connect us to others with similar ideas and questions.

SERVE

Service is giving our time and gifts back to God and the church by putting our faith into action. In service, we turn our hearts toward God's people and can be transformed by relationships with our church and community.

PLAY

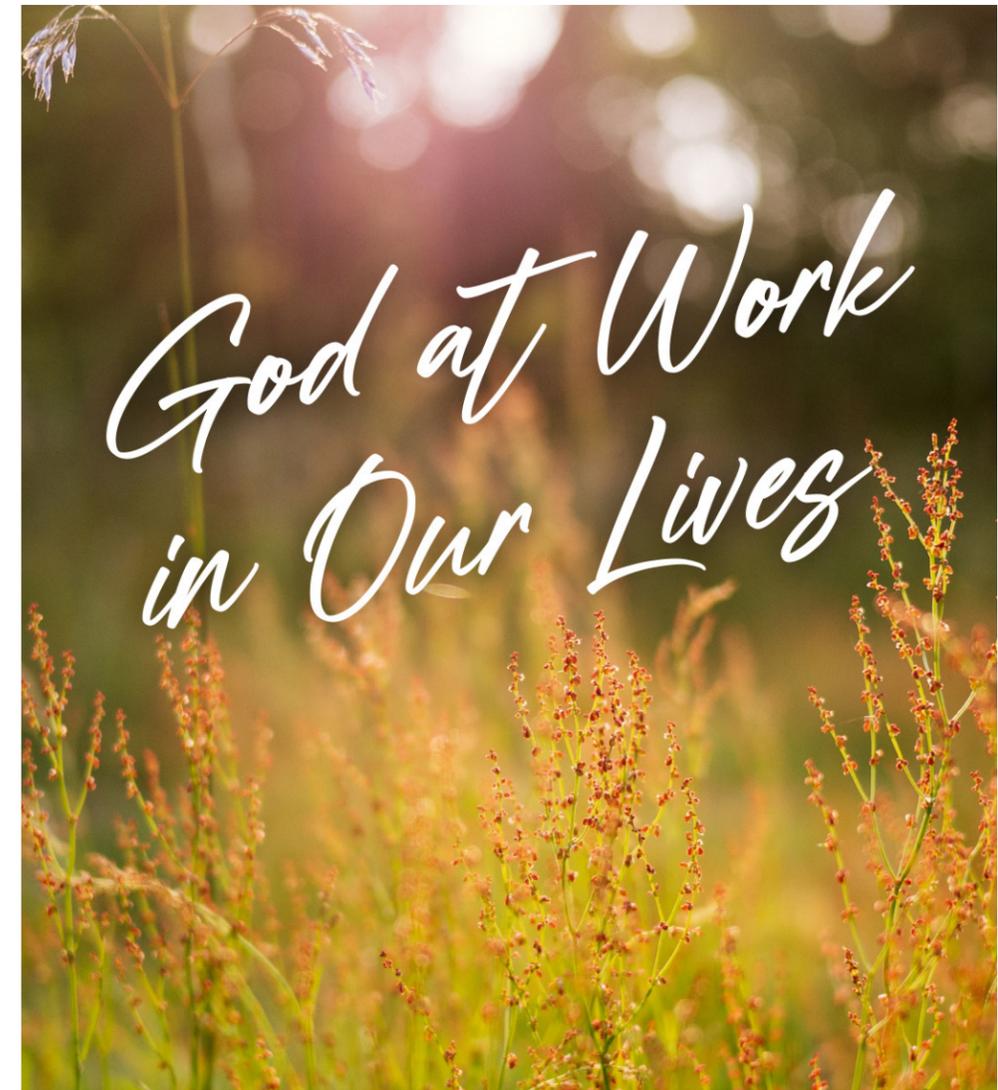
Play is good for our physical, mental, and spiritual health. Having fun and enjoying the company of other people can inspire our imaginations. Play opens us up to friendships that help us bear burdens and celebrate life's joy.

GIVE

Giving is the commitment to put God first in all things. The habit of sacrificial giving of our money and resources allows us to trust God in deeper ways and to share our love with others.

PRAY

Prayer and meditation are especially critical in a world where we are all addicted to being busy. Regular prayer and personal disciplines can renew our energy and open us up to the places God is leading us.



Traditional Service
May 15, 2022 | 11:00 am

“Including”

Acts 11:1-18

3rd in the Series, *God at Work in Our Lives*

Dr. Tim Bruster and Rev. Lance Marshall
Co-Senior Pastors

Welcome / Announcements

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Fugue on the “Kyrie””

François Couperin, composer

Peggy Graff, organist

*Call to Worship

(based on 1 Corinthians 1:3; Galatians 3:28; 1 Corinthians 12:12; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Mark 10:14-15; Romans 12:15-16; Romans 12:17-18; Romans 15:7; Ephesians 4:3; and 1 John 4:7-8)

One: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

All: And also to you.

One: There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

All: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

One: For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

All: Jesus said, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

One: Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

All: Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

One: Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. Make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: Let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

*Hymn 400: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Affirmation of Faith 883

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

Emma Kay Bradley, daughter of Bryttany and Chase Bradley

Baptismal Hymn 191: “Jesus Loves Me” (vs. 1)

Congregational Response

With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Emma Kay, 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

Dr. Mike, Associate Pastor

*Hymn 378: “Amazing Grace” (vv 1-4)

Scripture: Acts 11:1-18

God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: “Including”

Dr. Tim Bruster, Co-Senior Pastor

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)

Offertory: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Mark Hayes, arranger

Choral Union

Thomas Williams, director

*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.

*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: “Here I Am lord” (refrain)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

*Postlude: “Postlude on “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing””

Albert L. Travis, arranger

Welcome to First United Methodist Church of Fort Worth – we are glad you’re here to worship with us today!

Please let us know you are here by filling out the attendance pad as it comes by.

Asterisks (*) indicate times when you are invited to stand as you are able.

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

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate during the month of May will support start-up kits.

The Sanctuary flowers are given in honor and celebration of Lamar Smith’s 95th birthday by his loving family.

Wesley Hall Reconsecration

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One Grand Night 2: Sebastian Bachaloo

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