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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!



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.



Saturday, April 1 | 8:00 am – 3:00 pm | Location TBD



Wednesday, April 5 | 7:00 am | Martin House Brewing Company



Ash Wednesday | Maundy Thursday | Good Friday | Easter Sunday



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Traditional Service
March 26, 2023 | 11:00 am

“Tough Love”

Matthew 25:31-46

Rev. Lance Marshall
Senior Pastor

Pre-service Music: Cantate Domino
Giuseppe Pitoni/Norman Greyson
Flower Mound High School Choir
Lindsay Swartwood, Director of Choral Activities

Welcome and Announcements
Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Fill-a Me Up”
Pepper Choplin, arranger

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Samuel Macias, Associate Pastor
One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:
All: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life’s water.
One: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:
All: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.
One: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:
All: where we worship together and praise God’s name. Amen.

***Hymn 715: “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”**

***Affirmation of Faith 881**
I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 25
Sung Response: O how He loves you and me! O how He loves you and me! He gave His life. What more could He give?
O how He loves you; O how He loves me; O how He loves you and me!
One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
All: O my God, in you I trust, let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me,
One: let none that wait for you be put to shame;
All: let them be ashamed who are clothed with treachery.
One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
All: teach me your paths.

One: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
All: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
Sung Response
One: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
All: Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
One: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way, and leads the humble in what is right, and teaches them their way.
All: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep the Lord’s covenant and testimonies.
Sung Response

Faith Like a Child

***Hymn 405: “Seek Ye First”**

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46
Kyle Roderick, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Tough Love
Rev. Lance Marshall, 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: “Follow the River”
Julie Wheeler, arranger

***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.

Chorall Benediction: “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”
Peter Lutkin, composer

***Postlude: “Prelude in G Minor”**
J.S. Bach, composer

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.

In addition to your regular contribution, every one dollar (\$1) bill placed in the offering plate during the month of March will support the Methodist Justice Ministries.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory of our friend and neighbor, Carol Elliott Row, by Debbie & Gary Griffith.

Lent Banners
The season of Lent provides a blessed opportunity for reflection as we approach the altar of our Lord’s sacrifice with hope in His mercy.

The seasonal wall hangings (paraments) reflect the themes and color of this liturgical season. The purple of Lent represents sorrow and repentance. Grey, the color of ashes, calls us back to Ash Wednesday, when we received this symbol of mourning and humility on our foreheads. The tan fabric suggests desert sands and the arid nature of sin.

The coarse ropes suspended between the fabric panels also carry symbolic meaning. The five groupings of ropes remind us of the five wounds Christ bore on the cross. The rope itself is a symbol of the betrayal of Christ as the soldiers bound him after the kiss of Judas. The stones, woven into the ropes, represent the sin that weighs down our souls. The knots in the ropes suggest the discord in our families, the hurts between married couples, and the absence of peace and joy caused by our pride and failure to depend on God.

These paraments provide a visual reminder of the mercy God offers us not only in the Lenten Season but also throughout the entire year.

Thank you Dianne Fisher for helping make our banners happen.