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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.

HOLY LAND 2024 INFORMATION SESSION



Sunday, March 5th | Noon | Room 350

What Is This Book?
How Can I Understand It?
What Does It Mean for Us?



Starts on March 9 | Thursday or Sundays | 9:30 – 10:30 am | Room 350

LENTEN ORGAN RECITAL

— Featuring Organists —

PEGGY GRAFF & ANDY ROSE



Tuesday, March 21 | 11:30 am | Sanctuary | Luncheon | 12:15 pm | Wesley Hall



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Traditional Service
March 5, 2023 | 11:00 am

“Tough Love”

Matthew 20:1-16

Rev. Lance Marshall
Senior Pastor

Welcome and Announcements
Rev. Zhenya Gurina-Rodriguez, PhD, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Arioso in A-flat”
Arcangelo Corelli/arr. J. Michael Case
Peggy Graff, organ

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Samuel Macias, Associate Pastor
One: Our eyes are heavy. Our hope is soaring. We wait in the marketplace.
All: Our God is gracious.
One: Our feet are tired. Our expectations rise. We are hired first.
All: Our God is merciful.
One: Our backs are sore. Our spirits are low. We are paid last.
All: Our God is slow to anger.
One: Our temples flare. Our anger rages. We take what belongs to us.
All: Our God abounds in steadfast love. 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 105
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: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God’s name, make known God’s deeds among the people!
All: Sing to the Lord, sing praises! Tell of all God’s wonderful works!
One: Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!
All: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek the Lord’s presence continually!
One: Remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

All: O offspring of Abraham, God’s servant, children of Jacob, God’s chosen ones.
Sung Response
One: The Lord is our God, whose judgments are in all the earth.
All: The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant, of the word commanded for a thousand generations,
One: the covenant made with Abraham, his promise sworn to Isaac, and confirmed to Jacob as a statute, to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,
All: “To you I will give the land of Canaan as your portion for an inheritance.”
Sung Response

Faith Like a Child
Mister Mark, Director of Children’s Ministries

Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16
Jeanne Cochran, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Tough Love
Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Service of Holy Communion
Hymnal pages 12-13
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)
Serving the Bread and Cup

Offertory: “I’m Gonna Sing when the Spirit Says Sing”
Howard Helvey, arranger
Choral Union, Alison Beck/Peggy Graff 4 hand accompaniment
Thomas Williams, director

***Doxology**

***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: “I surrender all” refrain**
I surrender all, (I surrender all,) I surrender all, (I surrender all,) All to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

***Postlude: “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”**
Barbara Harbach, 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.

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 by Dr. & Mrs. William Wolff in loving memory of their son, Shan Wolff.

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.