



Saturday, September 30 | 3:30 – 10:00 pm | Justin Youth Building



Sunday, October 8 | 7:00 – 11:30 am | Wesley Hall



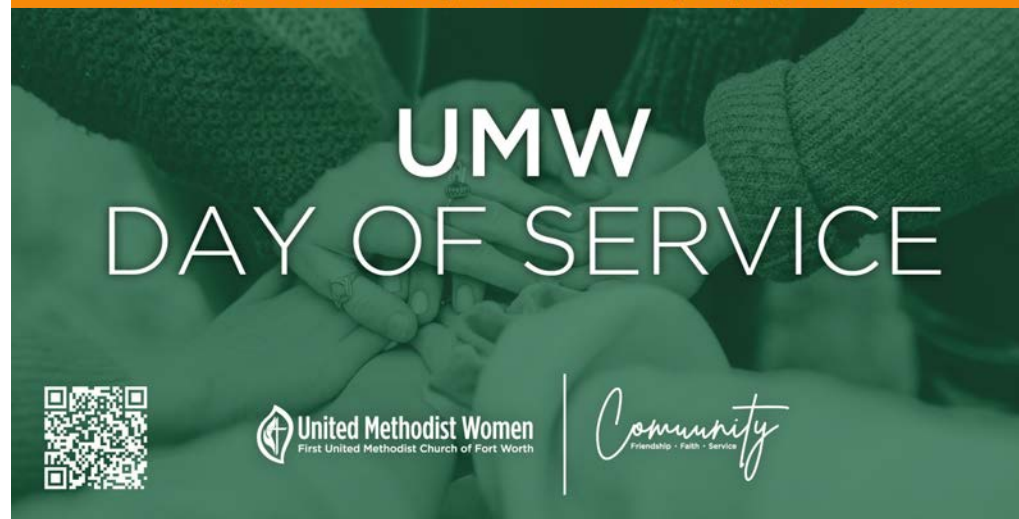
Sunday, October 8 | 3:00 – 4:00 pm | Sanctuary



Thursdays or Sundays | October 12 – November 19 | 9:30 am | Room 350 or Online



Sunday, October 15 | 12:30 – 7:00 pm | Lyle Lodge



Tuesday, October 17 | 9:30 am | Wesley Hall | Registration required October 10



Beginnings



Traditional Service
September 24, 2023 | 11:00 am

"Beginnings"

Genesis 24:52-67

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor
- preaching
Rev. Lance Marshall - Senior Pastor

Welcome
Rev. Zhenya Gurina Rodriguez, PhD, Associate Pastor

Prelude: “Fantasia”
Johann Pachelbel, arranger
Peggy Graff, organist
Acolyte: George Holman

***Call to Worship**
Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor

One: What does the Lord require of you?
All: The Lord requires me to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.
One: What does God command of us?
All: The Lord commands us to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort;
All: but to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.
One: Let us worship the God who believes in us, trusts in us, and abides with us.
All: Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way. Amen.

***Hymn 88: “Maker, in Whom We Live”**

***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**

Sacrament of Baptism
Laila Louise Haja Mohideen, daughter of Brittany and Hassan Haja Mohideen

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 Laila Louise, 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
Amber Shive, Children’s Ministries Assistant

Ministry Moment: United Methodist Women
Linda Kennedy, United Methodist Women President

***Hymn 593: “Here I Am, Lord”**

Scripture: Genesis 24:52-67
Joy Brandon, lay reader
God speaks to us through the reading of scripture.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: Beginnings
Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate 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: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Ovid Young, arranger
Choral Union
Dolores August, flute
Alison Haygood, guest 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: “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: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”**
Jack Schrader, arranger

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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 for the month of September will support Dementia Friendly Fort Worth.

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