

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5

Traditional Service

8:00 & 11:00 am

Sanctuary | Livestream at 11:00

The Gathering

9:30 am | Sanctuary | Livestream

11:00 am | Wesley Hall

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 or registering online.

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 April will support Methodist Justice Ministries.

ARE YOU NEW?

If you would like to find your place, your community, we would love to visit with you and help you explore the First Church groups or ministries of special interest to you! Finding your community will help you meet others, build relationships, and grow stronger in your faith.

For details, please email Angie Parish (aparish@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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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE



Friday, April 3 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Easter Egg Hunt



Saturday, April 4 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm | Lyle Lodge



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April 2, 2026 | 6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday

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

Opening songs: “You Are My All In All” and “We Fall Down”

Clint and Talor Church

Peggy Graff, piano

Nathan Hoang, cello

Welcome

Rev. Lance Marshall, Senior Pastor

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship

One: Jesus gathered with friends to celebrate a meal of freedom.

All: In remembrance, we gather at a table which reminds us of Love.

One: The Passover meal was a reminder of how a Liberating Spirit led God’s people out of slavery in Egypt.

All: In remembrance, we find ourselves at a supper of sacred story.

One: A feast of friendship, a story of betrayal; new commandments and memories of gifts given

All: In remembrance, we feast on the bread which makes us whole; we share a cup which fills us with grace and we find God is present. We remember that we are set free to love. Promises of new life are found in the call to “do this and remember.” Amen.

*Hymn 618: “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Children’s Moment

“Mister Mark” Burrows, Children’s Ministry Director

Offertory: “In Christ Alone”

Scripture: John 13:3-17

Dr. Mike Marshall, Associate Pastor

Sermon

Rev. Phyllis Barren, Associate Pastor

Service of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession and pardon

Holy One who kneels to wash our feet, we are reluctant for you to see all the ways we have run away from your call to love one another.

You would bathe us in the living waters of your love, though we splash and play in the puddles of temptation. Forgive us, Holy One.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may more perfectly love you as we live your love.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Dr. Jenn Pick, Associate Pastor

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You are the one who leads us on our journey.

All: In the wilderness, you refresh us with streams of water. You provide bread that nourishes us and fruit which sustains us.

One: Jesus gathered his friends at the Passover feast, a meal created so that the people would remember their story of freedom, which is God’s story of love.

All: As we share this sacred meal, we re-enter Love’s story.

One: We remember that when we are threatened or frightened or lonely or have little hope, God comes again to lift us up and fill us with grace.

All: For these gifts of grain and fruit, we give thanks. For the love which grips us and the grace which frees us, we give thanks.

One: Jesus gathered a beautiful and broken bunch of people around him. He dared them to believe that they could liberate prisoners, heal the brokenhearted, provide for the poor. He dared them—and he dares us— to believe that we can be the radical love of God in the world. And when the meal was ready, Jesus took bread, and declared it holy by saying:

All: “This is my body, human and divine, broken and shared, so that you may live in peace. Eat it and break open, showing your love for this hungry world. Do this and remember.”

One: When they had eaten their fill, Jesus lifted the cup, and declared it holy by saying:

All: “This is the life which runs through me, poured out so that you can have new life in me. Drink it so that forgiveness will overflow through you into this weary world. Do this and remember.”

One: During the supper, Jesus poured water into a basin and washed the disciples’ feet. When he finished he said, “I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you; that you love one another as I have loved you. Do this and remember.”

All: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us as living water. Wash our hands, our feet, our hearts, our lives.

One: Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup. May they be for us the bread of life and the cup of forgiveness, that we may be examples of Christ’s love to the world.

All: Through the Risen One—Jesus Christ, the love of God—and your Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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-*

Serving the Bread and Cup

Sending Forth

Rev. Brenda Brooks Alexander, Associate Pastor

Stripping of the Altar

Closing Song: “In The Garden”

As In the Garden is sung, the altar will be stripped, symbols of beauty and celebration quietly removed, echoing the way Jesus was stripped on this night.

There is no benediction tonight. The story continues.

After the final verse, you are invited to leave in silence, carrying this moment with you.