

Announcements

Choir Practice — every Wednesday at 7PM; all abilities are welcome to make a joyful noise!

Wednesday Night Meals return September 18th—Join us for a time of food and fellowship as we begin another season of Dinner Church!

“The Chosen” video study returns—We are excited to start watching season 4 of “The Chosen” together! You can join us for the videos each week before worship on Sunday or they are available for free on the “Chosen” app. Our discussion will begin on Wednesday, September 18th at 6:15. We will be in-person in the fireside room and will also be available via Zoom!

Sunday School is back!— Sunday School for all ages started today at 8:45 before worship! Help is needed to support the parents of our younger kids. If you can be part of our teaching team, please contact Pastor Ben.

Fellowship Lounge Remodeling!—Our Fellowship Lounge is undergoing some repairs during the next few weeks! Ceiling is being repaired, walls will be plastered and eventually painted. Please join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room after worship!

Support United Women in Faith’s CASA Drive — “Casa” stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate. When a Child is Taken from Home, they leave with nothing. You can help United Women in Faith support these efforts by collecting the following items: Pajamas, Socks, Blanket, Teddy Bear, Walmart Gift Cards, and Target Gift Cards. CASA Volunteers prepare a Backpack with Children’s Needs. A box collecting items is by the office. This drive will continue during the fall season.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy! Beautiful weather, an amazing church family, and the start of a new school year.
- ♥ For Deidre’s brother-in-law Allen who is struggling with heart problems.
- ♥ For the family of Jenny Vandenheuvel who died at age 36 from complications due to cancer leaving behind her husband and three children.

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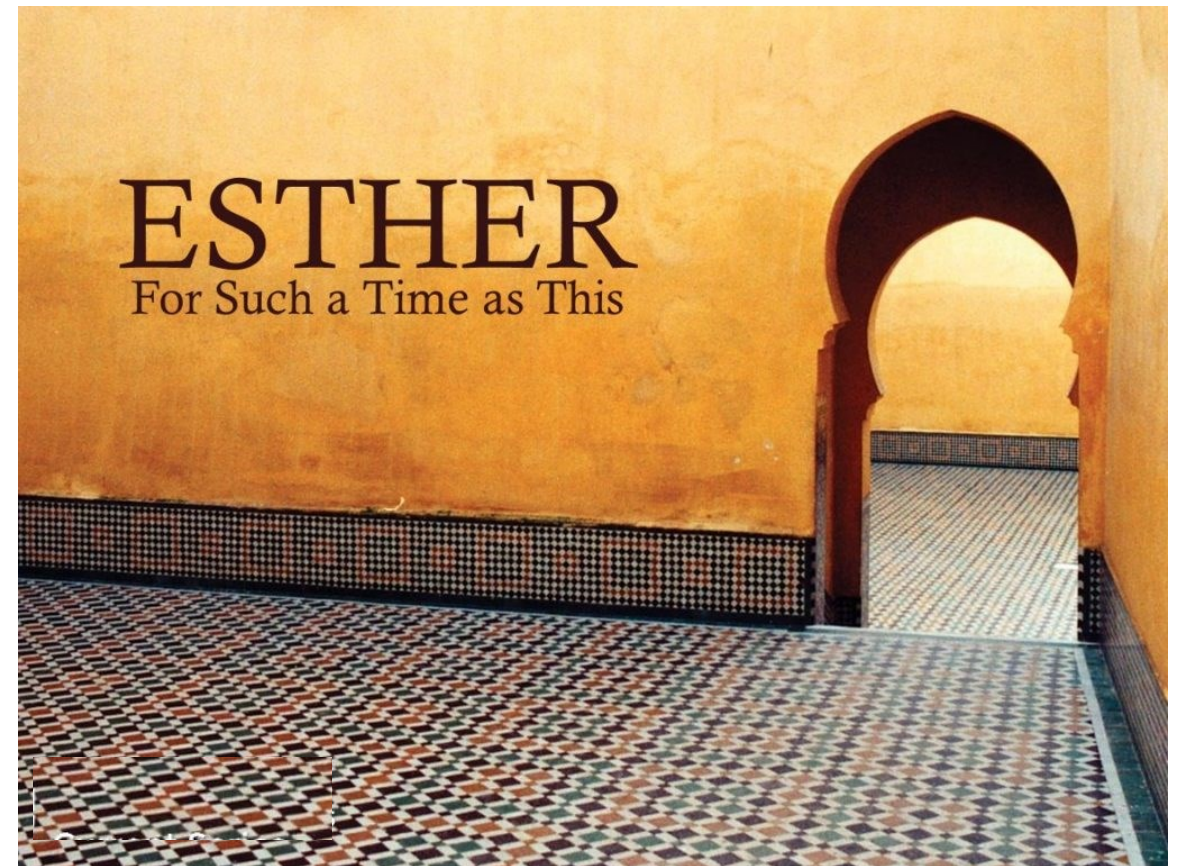
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For Such a Time as This

Esther 2:5-11

September 8, 2024

Prelude

Welcome — Pastor Ben Morris

Call to Worship

Come, let us find rest in the presence of our sovereign God,
who brings peace in the midst of chaos.

**We come, seeking the assurance that God is in control,
even when the world feels out of control.**

In the story of Esther, we see that God is always at work,
even when He seems silent.

**Let us lift our voices and hearts to the One
who guides all things for His purposes.**

We gather to honor the God who is faithful,
who weaves our lives into His grand design.

With faith and hope, we worship the Lord, our sovereign King.

Hymn – A Mighty Fortress Is Our God— RED 110

Prayer of Confession — all

We admit that the chaos of life often leaves us feeling anxious and uncertain.

**We confess that we struggle to see Your hand at work
when the world seems out of control.**

Grant us the peace that comes from trusting in grace.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Passing the Peace

Children's Moment & Blessing of the Backpacks — Pastor Ben

Breakthrough Prayer

**God of Community,
thank you for going with us as we walk in your world.**

As the seasons change, change also our hearts.

Breakthrough, as we step out in faith. Amen.

Call to Prayer — Nothing Can Trouble — BLACK 2054

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Piano Dedication

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness at night,

to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Special Music — Ours the Journey — CHOIR

Scripture — Esther 2:5-11

God, we thank you for your Word.

The story of your grace.

Sermon — For Such a Time as This — Pastor Ben

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology— RED 95

Offering Prayer

**God of Abundance, as we bring our offerings today,
we do so with hearts full of faith,**

knowing that You are at work in ways we cannot always see.

Use these gifts to further Your kingdom, to bring light into darkness.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn— Great is Thy Faithfulness — RED 140

Benediction

Postlude