

Announcements

Wednesday Night Meals Are Back!—Join us for a time of food and fellowship as we begin another season of Dinner Church, every Wednesday evening at 5:30!

“The Chosen” video study returns—We are excited to continue our journey with season 4 of “The Chosen!” You can join us for the videos each week before worship on Sunday or from home, free on the “Chosen” app. Our discussion continues every Wednesday evening at 6:15. We will be in-person in the office and also on Zoom! (Link will be sent out via email Wednesday mornings)

Sunday School is back!— Sunday School for all ages begins 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.

UWIF Reading Program — The United Women in Faith are investing in new books for reading program. Choose a title from the display near the drinking fountains and purchase it for our library.

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ Joy, Josh’s parent’s 50th Wedding Anniversary on September 21st!.
- ♥ Joy! Nell’s birthday!
- ♥ Joy! Sylvie’s 8th birthday!
- ♥ Joy! Angie’s foot is getting better!
- ♥ Joy and thanksgiving for the love of church family!
- ♥ Kurt & Shiela Shook, as Kurt begins his fourth and hopefully final round of chemo
- ♥ Josh’s Mom’s cousin Ardyce who is in the hospice and is given only a short time to life
- ♥ Joyce Riesterer who has just been diagnosed with diabetes
- ♥ Jane Coenen who has a torn meniscus and will be having surgery soon
- ♥ Carrie Bauer who passed away at age 39

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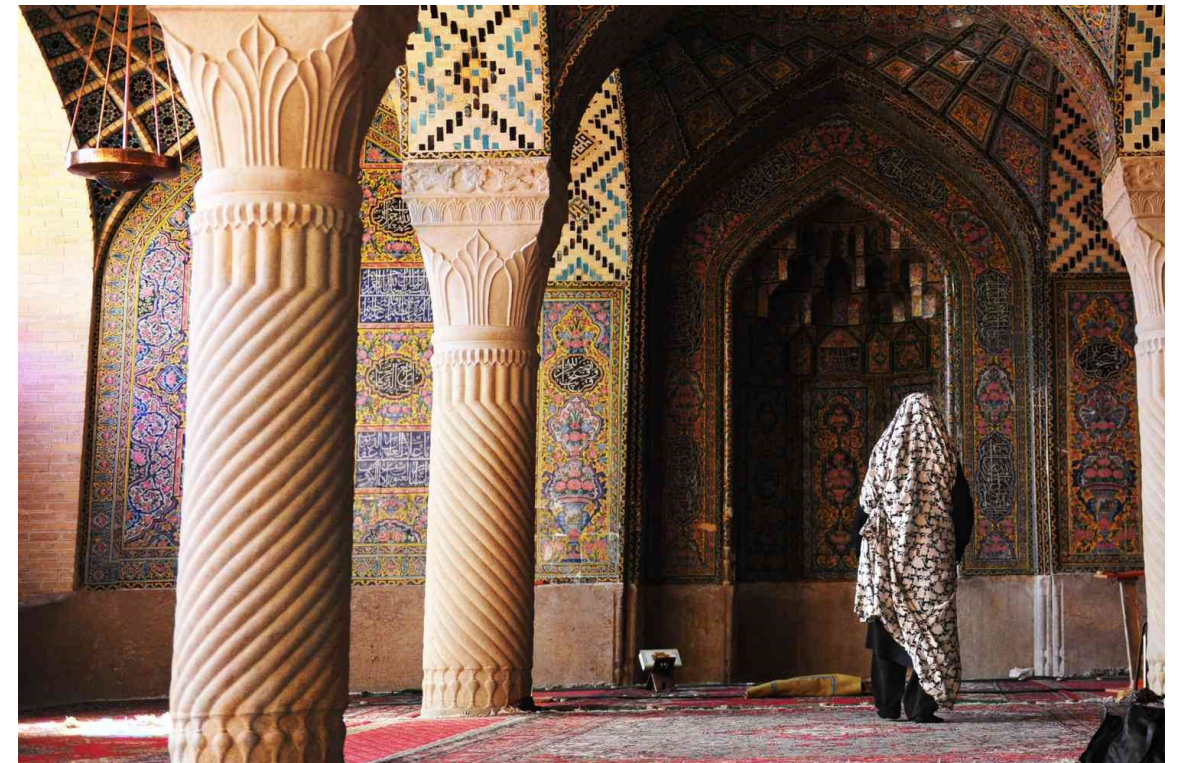
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We welcome. We worship. We Witness.



UNITED WOMEN IN CHRIST SUNDAY
Divine Timing

Esther 5:1-8, 6:1-3

September 22, 2024

Prelude

Welcome — Pastor Ben Morris

Call to Worship

We come to worship the God
who is always working,
whose timing is perfect.

**Even when we cannot see it,
God is moving and acting for our good.**

God works through the waiting,
in the delays, and in the quiet moments.

We praise the God whose purposes never fail!

Hymn – Be Still My Soul— RED 534

Prayer of Confession — all

Merciful God,

**we confess that we often grow impatient and frustrated
when things don't go according to our plans.**

Like Esther,

**we are sometimes afraid to act boldly,
fearing the risks rather than trusting Your hand in our lives.**

Help us to trust

**that You are working even in the waiting,
and give us the courage to move when You call us.**

Grant us patience and faithfulness

as we wait for Your perfect time.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Passing the Peace

Children's Moment — 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 — Have Thine Own Way, Lord UMH 382 Vs 1-4

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music — In His Time— CHOIR

Scripture — Esther 5:1-8, 6:1-3

God, we thank you for your Word.

The story of your grace.

Sermon — Divine Timing — Pastor Ben

United Women In Faith— Servant Recognition — HAZEL CHRISTOPHER

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology— RED 95

Offering Prayer

Gracious God,

**we bring these gifts today with the trust
that You will use them to accomplish Your will.**

**As You worked through Esther's boldness and Mordecai's faithfulness,
work through us and these offerings.**

**Bless them to further Your kingdom
and fulfill Your divine plans.**

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn— Take My Life and Let it Be — RED 399

Benediction

Postlude