

Announcements

Men's Breakfast—will be Wednesday, October 2nd at 9AM at Mary's, 2312 N. Richmond St.

All are welcome to join us for a time of food and fellowship. Please contact Jim Justman (jjustman15@gmail.com), so we know how many to expect.

A HUGE thank you—to all those who helped park cars during Oktoberfest yesterday!

Bach Concert Sunday, Oct 6—Stay after church next week and enjoy a free concert of Bach preludes as Nell prepares for a Bach Festival on October 9.

Community meal—Join us for food and fellowship at Dinner Church, Wednesdays at 5:30.

"The Chosen" video study resumes—We are excited to continue our journey with season 4 of "The Chosen!" Join us for the videos each Sunday before worship 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 is sent via email Wednesday mornings)

Sunday School has begun— 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.

Remodeling continues in the lounge—Join us for fellowship in the Fireside Room!

Support UWIF CASA collection —CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocate.

When a child is taken from home, they leave with nothing. Help us fill the hallway box with pajamas, socks, blankets, teddy bears, and gift cards for Target and Walmart.

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

Emmanuel Prayer Joys and Concerns

- ♥ For the family and friends of Ann Witherell who passed away
- ♥ For Marilyn Holmes, following the death of her husband
- ♥ Audrey's daughter's friend Amelie who was seriously injured in a car accident
- ♥ For Shirley's friend Frances Romanesko recovering from two hip replacements
- ♥ Comfort and peace for Katherine, whose husband has been missing for a month

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Living for God's Glory: Mordecai's Quiet Influence

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

September 29, 2024

Prelude

Welcome — Pastor Ben Morris

Call to Worship

We gather to worship the God
who calls us to live humbly and faithfully.

We seek to glorify God alone

Come, let us worship with hearts
full of gratitude and lives open to God's purpose.

We lift our voices to the one who deserves all honor and praise!

Hymn – Be Thou My Vision— RED 451

Prayer of Confession — all

Holy and gracious God,

we come before you

acknowledging that we often seek our own way rather than yours.

In our desire for approval,

we forget that you call us to walk humbly and serve others.

Forgive us for when we seek recognition

over quiet faithfulness

and when we fail to point others toward your glory.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

our model of humility and faith. 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 — Make Me a Servant — BLACK 2176

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Special Music — I'll Lead You Home— CHOIR

Scripture — Esther 2:19-3:6

God, we thank you for your Word.

The story of your grace.

Sermon — Living for God's Glory: Mordecai's Quiet Influence — Pastor Ben

Offering

Offering Response — Doxology— RED 95

Offering Prayer

We offer our gifts today

as an act of humble service,

knowing that everything we have comes from you.

May these gifts be a reflection

of our gratitude and trust in your provision.

Use them for your glory,

so that others may experience

your love and grace through our faithful stewardship.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn— O Master Let Me Walk With Thee — RED 430

Benediction

Postlude