

## 2025-2026 FUMCR Worship Overview

### **WHAT IS A HYMN, AND WHY DO WE SING THEM? (August 31)**

An exploration of the songs of the church, the impact of the text, and what happens to our hearts when we sing them!

August 31 – Psalm 100

### **DREAM (September 7 - September 28)**

What do dreams have to do with our faith? As we dive deep into the story of the most famous dreamer in scripture, we are going to learn together that dreams are not just a “wish your heart makes.” Dreams are gifts from God that help us to realize what is possible. Let’s dream together about what God is doing in and through us! Culminating with a performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!

Sept 7 – What do my dreams mean? Genesis 37:1-11

Sept 14 – When will I have enough to help my neighbor? Genesis 40:1-8

Sept 21 – How can I prepare for the future? Genesis 41:46-57

Sept 28 – Will the world be better because of me? Genesis 50:15-21

### **ROOM FOR ONE MORE (October 5 - October 19)**

We live in a world where exclusive invitations are the height of social achievement. We all want to be on the A-list. But in the ministry of Jesus, the invitation is given to all. Outcasts, sinners, and A-listers. During this series, we want to explore the ways we can always make room for one more through shared food, shared experience, and shared purpose.

Oct 5 – Is my table big enough for one more? Matthew 26:26-29

Oct 12 – Do I really need friends? Hebrews 10:23-25

Oct 19 – Does teamwork really make the dream work? Romans 12:14-21

### **WELCOMING DR. LUCRETIA FACEN IN TRADITIONAL, NATALIE NENOVICH WILL PREACH IN MODERN (October 26)**

### **SMALL THINGS. GREAT LOVE. (November 2 - November 23)**

Do small things even make a difference? When we read about global news and national headlines, it’s hard to believe that individual acts accomplish anything. But small things done in the love of God are not random or pointless; they are acts of partnership in the work of Jesus. During this series we fight against the lie that we can’t make a difference in our local, personal lives; instead, we commit to partner with Jesus, doing small things with great love.

Nov 2 – What is a saint? Hebrews 12:1-2

Nov 9 – Do the small things make a difference? Mark 14:3-9

Nov 16 – How do I choose what’s better? Luke 10:38-42

Nov 23 – What does it mean to be blessed? Matthew 5:1-12

### **LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS (November 30 - December 28)**

“What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.” 1 John 1:3-4

We wait with anxious hearts on the arrival of Christmas. Not just for the joy of presents and celebrations, but for the beacon of light that tells us we are not alone. Christmas is the annual reminder that God comes to us, bringing light to the dark places, hope to a weary world, and peace that endures all things. “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:5

Nov 30 – Where can I find light in dark times? Isaiah 9:2-7

Dec 7 – Is peace really possible? Luke 1:76-79

Dec 14 – Is there a difference between happiness and joy? Like 2:8-14

Dec 21 – Where is the love? John 1:1-5

Dec 24 – How do I live in the light? Luke 2:1-14

Dec 28 – How do I reflect the light? Matthew 2:10-12, 5:14-26

### **REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM (January 4)**

We’ll be reentering ourselves for 2026 by remembering our baptism through the lens of the Wesley Covenant Prayer. Matthew 4:13-17

### **PRACTICING THE WAY (January 11 - January 25)**

Based on a book of the same title by John Mark Comer, we’ll be exploring practices for abiding in Christ, being formed in Christ, and serving like Christ.

Jan 11 – How can know Jesus? Luke 10:38-42

Jan 18 – How do I become like Jesus? Jeremiah 18:1-6

Jan 25 – How do I do as Jesus did? 1 John 2:3-6

### **I’M SORRY (February 1 - February 15)**

Forgiveness is a difficult concept to understand and practice, but we see its transformational power. We’ll look at what it means to receive God’s forgiveness and extend it to others.

Feb 1 – Am I forgiven? Colossians 3:12-17

Feb 8 – How do I forgive my family? Genesis 33:1-11

Feb 15 – Do I have to forgive? Matthew 18:21-22

### **SMOKE AND MIRRORS (February 18 - April 5)**

Our Lenten series will unpack some of the lies that our culture tells us and help reshape and reform our understanding of those subject through a Biblical lens.

Feb 18 – Ash Wed - Can I do what I want since Jesus will forgive me? 1 John 1:5-10

Feb 22 – Am I what I achieve? Matthew 4:1-11

March 1 – Can I change my mind? Matthew 5:17-18, 21-22

March 8 – Will money solve my problems? Matthew 6:19-21

March 15 – Will worry change the outcome? Matthew 6:25-34

March 22 – Does apologizing make me weak? Matthew 18:21-22

March 29 – Palm Sunday – Is winning everything? Matthew 21:1-11

April 2 – Maundy Thursday – How do you love someone you disagree with? John 13:1-5

April 3 – Good Friday – Why did Jesus have to die?

April 5 – Easter – What is the Truth? Matthew 28:1-10

### **WHAT THE TECH?** (April 12 - April 26)

Technology is inescapable in our society, but how much is too much? What are the effects on our communities, anxiety, and our relationships with facts/truth? We'll be reminded of the importance of community, how to find it, and how to discern truth in the midst of all of the noise.

April 12 – Why am I lonely? Psalm 8

April 19 – How do I know what is true? John 8:31-36

April 26 – How can I find meaningful relationships online? Colossians 3:12-17

### **YOUTH/CHILDREN LED SUNDAY** (May 3)

We'll have All-church combined worship services in the Sanctuary led by our children and youth and supported by our worship, music, and tech teams.

### **Lives Transformed (Working title)** (May 10 - May 24)

By examining the progression of the journeys of some of Jesus's disciples, we'll be reminded that we're all on a journey to be more like Jesus and that the things we think may disqualify us from being used by Christ may actually be assets in our walk. We'll explore Mother Mary, Mary Magdalene, and Simon Peter.

May 10 – Mary's Story

May 17 – Mary Magdalene

May 21 – Simon Peter

### **GREATEST HITS** (May 31 - August 2)

Throughout the summer we'll be looking at some of the most well-known Scriptures and Bible stories that many of us know on the surface but may not have taken a deeper dive into.

May 31 – Prodigal Son Luke 15:11-24

June 7 – Psalm 23

June 14 – Who do you bow down to? Daniel 6:16-23

June 21 – Jesus Walking on water Matthew 14:22-33

June 28 – David and Goliath 1 Samuel 17

July 5 – Love 1 Corinthians 13

July 12 – The burning bush Exodus 3:1-6

July 19 – I can do all things through Christ Philippians 4:13

July 26 – For I know the plans I have for you. Jeremiah 29:11

August 2 – For God so loved the world... John 3:16