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2 TIMOTHY 3:1

With the summertime full almost in the rearview mirror, we are poised vet again for another transition. In A Tale of Two Cities, Charles Dickens articulates how many of us feel, that these times of ours are a concoction of best and worst, wisdom and foolishness, light and darkness. Nevertheless, we bear witness that true joy is only accessible in the Lord, who after weeping has had its say for the night. brings joy in the morning. (Psalm 30:4-5) Amid a whirlwind of local and worldwide events, probably like you Student Ministries has been active. With Peter Woekel now pursuing graduate school options back home in Oregon, Local Outreach has been repositioned with Global Engagement, Jared Crossley felt called to other employment, so Jenni McGrew has joined us as the Interim Associate Chaplain of Worship this fall, as a permanent search is conducted. A product of Simon Frazer University, JongDuk Kim is our Digital Production Specialist, a new position to lead our A/V production. Phoebe Yeung is serving as Student Ministries' full-time Intern while continuing her master's degree studies at ACTS Seminaries

Chapel will be observed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the David E. Enarson Gymnasium and we would love to see you. With safety being of the utmost importance. wearing a mask is required. In this Christ-centered setting, we lookout for one another and one way of doing that is to sacrifice for the greater good of our peers, neighbors, friends, and visitors, yes, when it is inconvenient or uncomfortable. Let us receive the peace that is available to those who steadfastly trust God with their full selves (Isaiah 26:3) and consider others as more significant. (Philippians 2:3) Chapel will also be livestreamed in real-time and archived on YouTube, so that anyone anywhere can participate at their leisure. Not wanting to put new wine in old

wineskins, this contributes to greater chapel equity and equality concerning access, but also permits the agility to adapt if pandemic-related regulations require it.

The book of Esther will be our guide in chapel this fall. It is a biblical text that doesn't directly mention God by name, and yet it is just as canonical, useful, and captivating as the rest of the Bible. In it we see vignettes of Esther's life from roughly 100 years after the time of Babylonian exile, moving from orphan to concubine and then replacement gueen, to a gueen with a purpose. Her elder relative, Mordecai, took great care of her and ultimately challenged her to risk comfort, up to her very life, for the voiceless. Such a testimony reveals what it looks like to fight for justice skillfully and bravely with the tools of faith. in a world that elevates impropriety, nihilism, and at times godlessness. As we know, obedience always outlasts sacrifice. If we are to produce university graduates who think truthfully, act justly, and live faithfully for the good of the world and the glory of God, Scripture-all of it-must authoritatively set precedent and guide our work.

Whether you are a student, TWU employee, parent, or community member, you have a standing invitation to regularly incorporate chapel into your calendar, by joining online or in-person. Be on the lookout for information about discipleship groups, which is a worthwhile investment to consider. If you need pastoral assistance in any way don't be reluctant to contact me or someone in Student Ministries. We count it a privilege to serve you. Remember that you are not alone. May you lean on the unmatched transforming exclusivity of Jesus, who was and is and is to come, your sole portion in life and in death

Because of Christ,

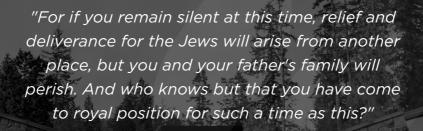
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Esther 4:14