

ECHOES OF EDEN

THE STORIES OF LIFE

Highlight

NOVEMBER 9

International Sunday

my culture, your culture, our church

JOIN US in celebrating unity
in Christ, while highlighting
the beauty of the different
cultures in our church.

10am Service
Luncheon to follow

International Sunday Worship & Luncheon

Join us following worship for a special time of worship, fellowship and food!

 Date: November 9

 Time: Immediately after the 10am worship service

 Location: Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall/ Courtyard

✦ Celebrate the beauty of God's family by sharing dishes from around the world.

✦ Bring a favorite recipe from your family's heritage—or simply come hungry!

✦ Enjoy food, fellowship, and friendship with our church community.

 All are welcome—invite a friend to join us!

Ways to partner with us on this special Sunday:

Worship Service Roles: Scripture Readers, Prayer Leaders, Worship Team / Music (choir, instruments, singers)

Luncheon Roles: Set-Up Crew (tables& chairs), Serving Team (buffet line, drink station, dessert table), Hospitality / Welcome Table (help people find seats, info table), Entertainment & Cultural Presentations (music, dance, storytelling), Food Preparation & Donation, Clean-Up Crew

Table Host/Hostesses Needed! Help us celebrate the rich diversity of our church family by hosting a table at the International Sunday Luncheon. Table hosts decorate one table to represent their culture, coordinate or provide traditional food, and welcome guests in fellowship. Sign up today to share your heritage and hospitality!

Sign up sheets for all roles are located in the Narthex.

1. Read Daniel 3. 1. Where in your life do you find it easiest to disengage or avoid rather than engage with faith, people, or purpose? 2. What is God calling you to engage with more intentionally right now? 3. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God *even if* He didn't save them from the fire. What might an "even if" kind of faith look like in your life today? 4. Are there areas where your trust in God depends on the outcome? 5. What helps you stay rooted in what's right, not just what's easy? 6. What are the "statues" in our modern culture that subtly demand our allegiance — things we're tempted to bow to for security, status, or acceptance? Which feels most persuasive to you personally, and how might you resist it? 8. When have you sensed God's presence most clearly in a difficult or fearful moment? How might you encourage someone else who's "in the fire" right now? 9. The story of Eden is about humans hiding from God after disobedience. How do Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego "stand" instead of hide? In what ways are you being called to stand with integrity where it might be easier to hide? 10. The sermon said, "This world doesn't need a disengaged faith — it needs an engaging one." Where do you see opportunities to engage the world with God's love, truth, or justice this week? How might your faith become more active — more *engaged* — in the everyday places God has put you?