

Rooted

in faith & fellowship

Our fall theme is Faithful Imagination:
Our Voice in the Public Realm
Week 2 (Sept 13-19):
Faith, Ethics and Our
Vocation as Citizens

Welcome to Rooted in Faith and Fellowship! This is a "choose your own adventure" sheet. Just getting to know each other and want to spend the entire time on that? Great. Here for the deep dive or just to cook something fun alongside others on Zoom? Go for it. Connect in whatever way feels comfortable for your group!

1. Check in with one another, how has your week been? What have you been thinking about in relation to this series since we last met?

2. Share a boring fact about yourself (it can feel like a lot of pressure to come up with an interesting fact about yourself!) Example: I eat things in pairs and call it the "buddy system", 2 grapes, 2 m&m's, 2 almonds, etc.

3. Question from Pastor Miriam's sermon Sun 9/13:

What are some of the voices you intentionally want to listen to this season and beyond? Are there books, podcasts, radio shows, websites, or other resources you can tap into? Brainstorm with your group and write down the resources that you want to look up.

4. Question from Dr. Darrel Jodock's talk Weds 9/16:

If you were able to make it to last week's talk, reflect on this question in light of last week and this week: How can Luther's service to the community of his day inform our vocation/calling as a citizen today?

Weekly recipe and announcements continued on the reverse side.



Close your time together with The Prayer of Good Courage

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we can not see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Announcements:
All materials on the fall theme, including recordings of the live Wednesday Zoom speakers, can be found at westwood.church/faithful-imagination.
You can watch weekly worship at westwood.church/watch-live. Consider sharing virtual communion with your group!

Slow-cooker Cheesy Salsa Chicken

Make a meal "together" and eat it over Zoom or share how yours turned out when you meet!

Ingredients:

- 1 jar (16 oz) chunky mild or medium salsa
- 1- 1.5lbs uncooked chicken breast
- 2 cups Mexican-style cheese
- 2 cups cooked Mexican rice
- Fresh cilantro for garnish (Optional)

Pour half of the salsa in the bottom of slow cooker. Place chicken breast (fresh or frozen) on top and sprinkle with a bit of salt and pour over the remaining salsa.

Place lid on slow cooker and cook, covered, for 3-5 hours on high or for 4-6 hours on low.

Thirty minutes before serving, open slow cooker and sprinkle cheese over the chicken.

Cover tightly and cook for an additional 30 minutes with the slow cooker on high, until the cheese is melty and the salsa is bubbling. (Note: Keep the lid tightly sealed to keep the cheese from drying out or overcooking.)

Serve cheesy chicken over rice. Garnish with cilantro, if desired.

Freezes well, other ideas to serve as taco filling, make quesadillas, over chips to make oven baked nachos, use over a bed of fresh greens for a wonderful salad, its very versatile!

Enjoy!

