



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

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First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

May 29, 2022 – 10:30 A.M.

Seventh Sunday of Easter/Memorial Day Weekend

Welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. Whether you are a first-time visitor or long-time member, we're glad you are here. (*Stand, if able.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND FOR PEACE

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in Bold)

Liturgist

L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

P: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

P: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!

L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness!

P: Praise be to God. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Liturgist

Lord, we want to follow you whoever you lead. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power that we may faithfully be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

*HYMN

"America the Beautiful"

UMH # 696

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Sela Finau

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tiffany Charles

*HYMN

"He Lives"

UMH # 310

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

God of justice and mercy: The temptation is strong to make our gifts to you on Sunday feel as if we've done all that is expected, then wake up on Monday and live like all the rest of the world. Deep in our souls, we know that's not what Christ called us to do, but the safe road is so much easier. God of compassion, embolden us to do your work. Embolden us to stand out against the backdrop of a world that says, "take care of your own." Embolden us to use our voices to speak on behalf of the voiceless, to use our ears to hear the discouraged and defeated, and to use our arms to help the weak and powerless. In the name of the one who conquered death. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

UMH #881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

***GLORY PATRI**

UMH #70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith. Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance. Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose. Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love. Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future. Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-34

Liturgist

SERMON

"Praying and Singing"

Rev. Sela Finau

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH # 133

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor

Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry
Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministry & MDO
Tiffany Charles, Liturgist & Children's Time

HOW TO JOIN FUMC TAYLOR

Are you being led to become a part of this fellowship of believers? Do you desire to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ? We invite you to join as a full member of the FUMC family! While the closing hymn is sung, you may come forward and make a commitment to follow Jesus through his local body of FUMC Taylor in prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please also send us a message to

office@fumctaylor.org.

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

UMH # 48

For Pastoral emergencies, outside of office hours, please contact
Rev. Finau at 817-874-3533.

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