



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

July 28, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

“I will guide you along the BEST PATHWAY for your life!” Psalm 32: 8

**For your children, activity bags are available in the foyer.*

Child care is available during the service following the Children’s Moment.

(Stand, if able.)*

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Respond in Bold)*

Liturgist: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;

People: So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory! Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH # 64
(verses 1, 2 and 4; interlude between verses 2 and 4)

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In unison)*

THE PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

— St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13th century

SHARING GREETINGS

(Please shake hands with someone you do not know)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN** “Jesus is All the World to Me” UMH # 469
(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Yohan Baek
*(Our prayer rises to heaven, to the mystery of God’s power,
as the smoke ascends when the precious incense burns)*

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY “Jesus, Savior, Lord I Adore You” Choir

***DOXOLOG** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19:1-4 Liturgist
“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. **He wanted to see who Jesus was**, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.”

***SONGS OF PREPARATION** “There is a Higher Throne” *See Insert*
“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” UMH # 344

MESSAGE “Sharing Your Life Message” Rev. Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES:

Note 1: **A top priority in our church is BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS!**

Note 2: We humans were not made to be independent of each other.
We were made to be interdependent.

Note 3: 1 Peter 3:8
“You should be like **one big HAPPY FAMILY**...
loving one another with tender heart...”

Note 4: John 12:24

“Unless a grain of wheat is dropped into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But **if it dies, then it produces many grains.**”

Note 5: A lot of people don't like themselves.

They don't feel good about themselves.

Note 6: When we focus on ourselves, we don't feel good about ourselves.

Self-esteem does not come from status. It comes from service.

We were made to live for more than just ourselves!

Note 7: Acts 20:24

...my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of **telling others the Good News** about the wonderful grace of God.

Note 8: God wants to speak to the world through you

(your life message).

Note 9: SHARING YOUR LIFE MESSAGE (FAITH JOURNEY STORY)

Your life message is a wonderful means of pointing others to a relationship with Jesus. It is a wonderful means of encouraging them in their own walk with Jesus (it REALLY encourages them who might be **hesitant or afraid** of turning over their life to Jesus. It may encourage them to follow your example.

- A. Start with: where you are from, where you live, what you do for a living, what connection you have in our church.
- B. How did you learn about Jesus? (How did you become a Christian?)
Share about your life before you accepted Jesus (or before you became a Christian). If you were born into a Christian family, share about your life before you took God seriously.
- C. **What event or feelings compelled you to take God seriously?** At what point did you realize that Jesus was the primary focus of your life?
- D. Share **how your life has been made different because of God**. Share how God has blessed your life (Share the benefits and costs of following Jesus). Share what God is doing in your life today.

Note 10: Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Note 11: The lost people are those who have a misplaced relationship with God.

Note 12: **TWO OUT OF THREE CHRISTIANS SAY THEY HAVE FOUND a relationship with God THROUGH A FRIEND (people, relationship).**

Note 13: Luke 19:5 & 7

“Jesus stayed at Zacchaeus’ house and ate with him.”

Note 14: Begin to **build a relationship with your friend by...**

Note 15: **Everyone has a hunger for God at the deepest level!**

They may not show it. They may be resistant. They may have all kinds of excuses.

Two things I’d like to remember from this sermon:

- 1.
- 2.

HYMN OF INVITATION:

“Here I Am, Lord”
(verses 1 and 3)

UMH # 593

BENEDICTON

Rev. Yohan Baek

“May your Happiness be so obvious that all who see you may come to praise God!”

POSTLUDE

At the close of the service, please stay and greet those around you. We hope that you feel inspired, loved, and connected to God and others.

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Brian Gray, Liturgist

Hunter King, Guest Violinist

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministries and MDO

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children's Church

Robert & Tenny Swonke, Greeters

Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers

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fumctaylor.org/resources/newsletter. Click on the latest E-News and hit the
"subscribe" button in the top, left corner of the newsletter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Crafting Club

Join us every Tuesday at 3:30 PM as we gather to make craft items to sell at the Pumpkin Patch and Holiday Bazaar. Any level of crafting skill is welcome!
If you can tie a ribbon you can join us!

Thank you!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped serve at Basketball in the Park, and those who donated items or gave monetary donations for this community outreach event. Basketball in the Park is a wonderful program for the youth of Taylor!

Vacation Bible School

VBS is Sunday, July 28 – Tuesday, July 30, 5:30 – 8:00 PM.

We still need volunteers to help with the children. Please contact Tiffany Charles at (512)229-8512 to see how you can help!

Church Work Day

Saturday, August 3 at 10:00 AM.

Project: deep clean the kitchen.

Annual Church Garage Sale

Saturday, August 10, 8 AM – 2 PM

Clean out your closets, drawers, attics, storage units, garages and junk drawers! Items to donate for the garage sale can now be brought to the choir room closet. The sooner we receive items, the sooner we can begin pricing the items. You may drop off donations after worship next Sunday, August 4 or contact Maureen Gray at (512)365-0670 to arrange for a drop off time. Volunteers will also be needed to help price items, set up items, clean up and haul away donations, and work during the garage sale.

Upcoming Church Meetings

The Trustees will meet on Monday, August 26 at 6:00 PM.

Admin Council and Finance committees will meet on Tuesday, August 27 at 6:30 PM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Carrie Jackson 8
Frank Chavana 9
Drew Ball 11
Trevor Gray 12
Freida Isbell 13
Ruth Pigg 16
Turner Beckermann 16
Vicki Hall 18
Ivene Parker 19
Elijah Price-Williams 21
Brenda Shelton (MDO staff) 24
Glynn Tucker 26
Don McAlister 27
Felicia Graves 30
Zoe Graves 30

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Friends and Family of Judy Sanborn
Carrie Jackson
Billy Honc
Glynn Tucker on the death of his niece
Will Guidry
Mason Hortenstine
Anna Peterson
Nancy Turner
Sarah Olfers
Kimi Sandel
David & Sandra Galnor
Tenny Swonke
Brunner Grau
Terry Dyer
Kimberly Isbell
Carol Bingham
Austin Hubbard
Scarlett Cooley
Nancy Barron
Justin Settle
Luke Curik

*All names will remain on the prayer list for six weeks, unless requested otherwise.