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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

August 4, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

“Come close to God, and God will come near to you.” James 4:8

**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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMC # 881

*OPENING HYMNS

“This is the Day”

UMH # 657

“O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice (*verse 1*)

UMH # 391

*OPENING PRAYER (*In unison*)

O Lord, our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. In comparison with this big world, our heart is only a small thing. Though the world is so large, it is utterly unable to satisfy this tiny heart. O Lord, our heart can be satisfied only in you. O Lord, we turn now from other pleasures. And we lay all our cares at your feet. Make us aware of your Spirit in this place. Amen.

SHARING GREETINGS

(Please shake hands with someone you do not know)

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

UMH # 378

(verses 1 – 4; 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

“Still”

Choir

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 27:19

Liturgist

"A mirror reflects a man's face, but what he is really like is shown by the kind of friends he chooses."

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Standing on the Promises"
(verses 1 and 4)

UMH # 374

MESSAGE

"Close Friendships"

Rev. Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES:

Note 1: The number one emotional problem in America is the problem of **loneliness.**

Note 2: Genesis 2:18

"The Lord God said, "It is not good for man to be alone."

Note 3: Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work; if one falls down, his friend can help him up."

Note 4: Proverbs 12:26

"A righteous man chooses his companions carefully."

I Corinthians 15:33

"Bad companions corrupt good character."

Note 5: What do you think we are influenced by the most? The most influential people in our life are parents. The second most influential people are close friends.

Note 6: Proverbs 22:24-25

"Do not make friends with a hot-tempered man, do not associate with one **easily angered**, or you may learn his ways and get yourself ensnared."

Note 7: The book of Proverbs mentions some types of people that we should not have as closest friends. Parents, study that with your kids.

Note 8: Proverbs 17:17

"A friend loves **at all times** and a brother is born for adversity."

Galatians 6:2

"Bear one another's burdens."

Note 9: Proverbs 18:24

There are "friends" who destroy each other, but a real friend **sticks** closer than a brother.

Note 10: 1 Thessalonians 5:11

"**Encourage** one another and build each other up."

Note 11: Proverbs 13:20

"**He who walks with the wise grows wise.**"

Proverbs. 27:17

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."

Note 12: Philippians 2:4

"Each of you should look not only after his own interest but also **the interest of others.**"

Note 13: Romans 15:7

"**Accept** each other, just as Christ accepted you."

*Change comes after acceptance, not prior to acceptance.

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

- 1.
- 2.

COMMUNION SONG:

"Love Filled the Cup"

~See Insert

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The peace of God which surpasses all understanding is yours.

People: Thanks be to God!

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again, Christ is the bread of life.

**People: We remember Jesus, who consented to suffer and die for us.
And We celebrate the fact that death could not hold Jesus in
the grave!**

Minister: Christ is the bread of life.

**People: Lord, we take this bread and drink this cup, to remember that
you are present with us now. Today, we celebrate and give
thanks that in life, in death, in life after death, we belong to
God. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF INVITATION

“There Is a Higher Throne”

See Insert

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
Claudene Griffith, Liturgist
Hunter King, Violinist
Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist
Marsha Beckermann, Communion Server
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.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Conoley Reinhardt 1
Kyle Tucker 3
Amber Guin 4
Beth Curik 8
Lisa Drummond 11
Alexis Larson 13
Ellen Hannington 14
Elizabeth Penny 15
Isom Slone 26
Kristy Hall 26
Mike Woodburn 27
Vada Rose 28
Gary Brock 31

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!

Vacation Bible School 2024

Thank you to all who volunteered their time this week for Vacation Bible School! We had over 32 children attend this year and it was a blessing to see new faces and catch up with friends that come yearly. Thank you also to those who gave monetary or food donations, as well. We appreciate you all!

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. 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 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.

New FUMC “Little Library”

(Located in the Fellowship Hall). Stop by, bring a book to share and take a few home. One shelf will be for children’s books, one for adults.