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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

August 18, 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)*

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Liturgist: Day after day, an abundance of God’s blessing!

People: Morning by morning, new signs of blessings;

L: A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,

P: A friend’s embrace, a child’s smile,

L: A new insight, a sense of peace,

P: A shared meal, a treasured moment.

L: All around us and deep within us are signs of God’s presence.

P: How can we not sing of God’s faithfulness?

***OPENING HYMN**

“Forward Through the Ages”
(verses 1 - 3)

UMH # 555

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

O God, hear our prayers. We come today, seeking your strength and guidance. O God, healing our spirits. We come to this place in need for love and hope. Lord, open our hearts to comprehend your word. Clear our hearts of those things which block your heavenly will. Lord, as we approach you in worship, make us aware of your Spirit in this place. Amen.

SHARING GREETINGS

(Please shake hands with someone you do not know)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN**

“In the Garden”
(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 314

SHARING OUR 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

“Step by Step”

Choir

*DOXOLOG

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 3:18

Liturgist

“Our faces are not covered. We all show the glory of God... This change in us brings ever greater glory...”

*HYMNS OF PREPARATION

“Let All Things Now Living”
(verses 1 and 2)
“On Eagle's Wings”

TFWS # 2008

UMH # 143

MESSAGE

“Attracting Close Friends” (part 3)

Rev. Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES:

Note 1: Happiness expert, Dr. Emily Willroth, professor of psychological and brain sciences says, “**Being HAPPY is key to healthy aging.**” Sounds simple, right? But it is not enough to tell people to be Happy. Actions must follow, such as **having close friends**, finding hobbies, and staying active through exercise.

Note 2: James 1:19

Be quick to listen and slow to speak.”

Note 3: Proverbs 20:4

“Counsel is in the heart of a man like a deep well but a man of understanding **will draw it out.**”

Note 4: As the leader of the group, I may have been expected to have the most to say in our discussions, but often found it to be most beneficial to our discussion to let others voice their opinions. My job was not to go on a five minute monologue about my beliefs; instead, after listening to someone speak, I asked him to give us more or asked him a follow-up question. As the leader of any group, I have always tried to be a listener.

I often sit back and listen to someone speak, because I can **learn so much about a person just by listening to him or her express their thoughts.** In many instances, **people just need a genuine ear to talk to, someone who will give their undivided attention.**

Note 5: Philippians 2:14-15

"Do all things without complaining and arguing....."

Proverbs 21:19

"It is better to dwell on the corner of a rooftop than with a quarrelsome woman in a home."

Note 6: Proverbs 15:13

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful."

Note 7: **Smiles attract people.**

"A smile is the shortest distance between two people."

Note 8: Romans 12:15

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."

Note 9: Get excited about other people's successes.

People want to be around people who give them a lift!

Note 10: Matthew 7:12

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Note 11: Acts 2:46

"They worshiped together regularly at the temple and **met in small groups** in their homes..."

Note 12: If you want to make close friends, get involved in a small group. In small groups, you can learn **important life skills** from each other's experiences:
1) **raising kids**, 2) **making life's decisions**, 3) **working out problems**, 4) understanding life.

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

I don't ever want any person leaving this church saying, “Nobody ever spoke to me. Nobody ever smiled.”

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)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black hymnal)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Brian Gray, Liturgist

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministries and MDO

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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!

Church Garage Sale Cleanup

Please plan to stay following worship today to help pack up the leftover garage sale items. If each family can pack up one table we will finish quickly! Also, whoever is able, please plan to meet on Monday morning to load up and haul off items. Thank you for your help!

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Diane Turner
Friends and family of Judy Sanborn
Julie Blake
Jeanie Weiss
Carrie Jackson
Billy Honc
Glynn Tucker on the death of his niece
Will Guidry
Mason Hortenstine
Anna Peterson
Pat Dick
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