



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!

August 25, 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: Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers!

People: We have come to this place in need for hope and peace.

L: Gather us in, Lord, and heal our bodies!

P: We come here seeking guidance and strength.

L: Gather us in, Lord, and open our spirits to receive your word!

P: Open our hearts to comprehend your word. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH # 89

(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

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

O God, our small minds cannot comprehend the depth of your being. Let this be an hour for each of us when our finite spirits are touched by your infinite Spirit. O God, blow upon us the fresh wind of your Spirit. Bestow a blessing upon each one who has come today, and especially upon our guests. O God, we thank you for the Holy Spirit who dwells in our hearts, moving us toward joy and peace in our lives. Amen.

SHARING GREETINGS

(Please shake hands with someone you do not know)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH # 77

(verses 1, 2, and 4; interlude between verses 2 and 4)

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

“Here I Am, Lord”

Choir

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 30:21

Liturgist

If you go the wrong way, you will hear a voice behind you, saying “This is the right way! You should go this way.”

*HYMNS OF PREPARATION

“Jesus Messiah”

See Insert

MESSAGE

“Spiritual Habits”

Rev. Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES:

Note 1: Ephesians 4:22

“So get rid of your old self, which made you live as you used to —the old self that was being destroyed by its deceitful desires.”

Note 2: Hebrews 12:1

“We must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially any sin that **distracts us**, so we can run the race that lies ahead of us!”

Note 3: Because I've had bad habits a long time.

Note 4: Because I identify with bad habits.

Note 5: When I see myself in a certain way, I set up a self- fulfilling prophecy that I act like I expect myself to act.

Note 6: Because bad habits have a payoff.

Note 7: Because Satan does not want me to be transformed.

Note 8: Why is it that some Christians seem to **have more answered prayers?**

Note 9: Jesus is our model.

Mark 1: 35

“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went out to **a quiet place, where he prayed.**”

Note 10: Psalm 25:4

"Show me the path where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk."

Note 11: **The best time to have a quiet time with God is when you are at your best.**

Note 12: Isaiah 48:17

“I am the Lord your God, who teaches you **WHAT IS BEST for you**, who directs you in the way you should go.

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

- 1.
- 2.

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

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)

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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"subscribe" button in the top, left corner of the newsletter.

Joy of the Week

Brad Streit, whose father was an FUMC former member and helped to build the Fellowship Hall, recently visited the church and helped during the church work day. Brad took the old window shutters that were removed from the Fellowship Hall with him to his home in Tyler. This week, he sent this message:

Yohan and Maureen,

Thought you might be interested in knowing the shutters from the fellowship hall fit perfectly in my workshop! In addition to spending a lot of time together at the church, dad and I also spent a lot of time in his workshop. It's like a sweet homecoming to have his shutters here. It's not only a reminder of him, but of the community where I started my faith journey. I'm so grateful that Taylor FUMC is as warm and embracing today as it was 50 years ago. See y'all next time I'm in town.

~Brad



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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.

Food Drive

Shepherd's Heart is having a canned food drive on Saturday, September 7 at St. Paul Lutheran Church from 9 AM to 1 PM. They have been having a hard time getting non-perishables from the food bank and must buy them from the store which is much more expensive. They need foods like rice, beans, mac and cheese, canned fruit, or canned vegetables. Please consider helping with this urgent need in our community.

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!

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:

Vesta Ryan
Diane Turner
Friends and family of Judy Sanborn
Julie Blake
Jeanie Weiss
Carrie Jackson
Billy Honc
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