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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

September 29, 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

Psalm 88

(Respond in Bold)

Liturgist: O Lord, I call to you; I spread out my hands to you.

People: Do you show your wonders to the dead?

Do those who are dead rise up and praise you?

L: Is your love declared in the grave, your faithfulness in destruction?

P: Are your wonders known in the place of darkness?

I cry to you for help; my prayer comes before you.

*OPENING HYMN

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

UMH # 110

(verses 1 – 4; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

O God, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. As we gather to worship, clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you.

O God, we have come to you bringing our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. Lord, we place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that you are with us and blessing us. Lord, open our hearts and let your healing flow in. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer.

AMEN.

SHARING GREETINGS *(Please greet someone that you do not know.)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

UMH # 378

(verses 1 – 4; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

SHARING 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

“Come Walk with Me”

Choir

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-6

Liturgist

After these things happened, the Lord spoke his word to Abram in a vision: “Abram, don’t be afraid. I will defend you, and I will give you a great reward.” But Abram said, “Lord God, what can you give me? I have no son, so my slave Eliezer from Damascus will get everything I own after I die.” Abram said, “Look, you have given me no son, so a slave born in my house will inherit everything I have.” Then the Lord spoke his word to Abram: “He will not be the one to inherit what you have. You will have a son of your own who will inherit what you have.” **Then God led Abram outside and said, “Look at the sky. There are so many stars you cannot count them. Your descendants also will be too many to count.”** Abram believed the Lord. And the Lord accepted Abram’s faith, and that faith made him right with God.

*SONG OF PREPARATION

“Jesus Messiah”

~ *Insert*

MESSAGE

“God Always Has Something New For You”

Rev. Yohan Baek



Note 1: There are some adverse feelings about aging. We do all kinds of things to keep from aging. Aging is not that bad. There are some good things about aging. **Aging is not just decay.** It is growth. Aging is more than the negative thing that we are going to die. Aging is also **the positive thing that we live a better life**, because **we understand we are going to die.**

Note 2: Genesis 12:1-2

The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your country... and go to the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation, and I will bless you. I will make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others.”

Note 3: Genesis 15:5

Then God took Abram outside and said, “Look at the sky. Try to count the stars. Can you do it? **As many as there are stars in the sky, so are the blessings I have for you.**”

Note 4: **I have a clear picture of this church. God’s voice affects what I attempt in this church. I understand the voice of God this way: God wants to bless this church. God wants to bless you.**

Note 5: **“Get excited! I have something new for you. I will bless you.”**

Note 6: We get to age 65 and it is time to retire. We think we have enough of the blessing. We think we have done enough. But I don’t care how old you are. **I don’t care what the nay-sayers are saying.** I want to tell you this: Your best is yet to come. **God is constantly creating blessings in our life.**

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

- 1.
- 2.

***HYMN OF INVITATION** “We Will Keep Our Faith Alive” ~ *Insert*

BENEDICTION Rev. Yohan Baek
“May your Happiness be so obvious that all who see you may come to praise God!”

***POSTLUDE** Jeeyoung Baek
“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)