



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!

September 8, 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: God, we are seeking you.

People: Let yourself be found.

L: God, we are calling you.

P: Listen to our prayers.

L: We come here seeking guidance and strength.

You are our sovereign protector.

P: Heal our bodies! Welcome us with blessings!

***OPENING HYMN** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” UMH # 139
(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

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

O God, our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways. You have called us away from the world to a place where we can commune with you and with one another. Receive us now as we approach you in worship. O God, let your Holy Spirit renew us in our inward parts. Bestow a blessing upon each one who has come today, and especially upon our guests. AMEN.

SHARING GREETINGS

(Please shake hands with someone you do not know)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN** “We Gather Together” UMH # 131
(verses 1 - 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

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

"He Keeps Me Singing"

Choir

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:13-15

Liturgist

"And so we shall all come together to that oneness in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God; we shall become mature people, reaching to the very height of Christ's full stature. Then we shall no longer be children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting wind of the teaching of deceitful people, who lead others into error by the tricks they invent. Instead, by speaking the truth in a spirit of love, **we must grow up in every way to Christ**, who is the head."

*SONG OF PREPARATION

"Jesus Messiah"

See Insert

MESSAGE

"Growing Spiritually"

Rev. Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES:

Note 1:



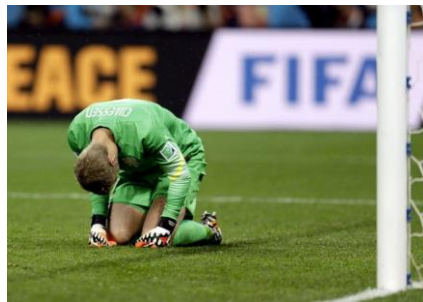
Note 2: Ephesians 4:13-15

Note 3: Because we live with other **flawed people**, we are going to **experience hurt**. Because we live with other flawed people, we are also going to **experience the lack of guidance** that we want. Sometimes we don't have people available to guide us through our childhood. So, when we reach adulthood, we still have some really deep things going on inside of us. In some ways, we are driven to **fill some really deep needs**. But when we cannot function, we choose **addictive behavior** (false things) to fill those deep needs.

Note 4: Because we live with other flawed people, we are going to experience 1) hurt and 2) the lack of guidance. As a result, we may choose to shut down in that area, and just close ourselves off. In other words, we get stuck as a little child in that area. None of us are exempt from this. We are all going to get stuck somewhere at some point in our lives.

Note 5: **I may get hurt by someone, and so I shut down my relationships.** (I will not let anybody get close to me, not even God.) Or I may be disappointed, because I had goals for myself.

Note 6:



Note 7: Deuteronomy 7:21-24

Do not be terrified by them, for the LORD your God, who is among you, is a great and awesome God. The LORD your God will drive out those nations before you, little by little. You will not be allowed to eliminate them all at once, or the wild animals will multiply around you. But the LORD your God will deliver them over to you, throwing them into great confusion until they are destroyed. He will give their kings into your hand, and you will wipe out their names from under heaven. No one will be able to stand up against you; you will destroy them.

Note 8: You are going to have enemies. Those enemies will try to overpower you. But God will conquer your enemies. God is not going to conquer them all at once. God knew his children needed the learning process. So, **one by one, God would conquer** those enemies.

Note 9: We want to grow spiritually. But we need the learning process. Let us take one step at a time. **If we allow God to do his work in our lives, we will grow spiritually!**

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

- 1.
- 2.

HYMN OF INVITATION:

“What God Can Do”

~ *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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Update on Vesta Ryan

If you would like to send a card to Vesta Ryan, please send it to her son, Gary's address: 5128 Shell Creek Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76137. Vesta is now receiving hospice care at the home of her granddaughter, Missy, in Murphy, Texas.

Woodburn Baby Shower – Sunday, September 22, 1 – 3 PM

We will gather as a church to shower Mike and Rachel Woodburn's baby girl at the home of Brian and Maureen Gray, 904 Dellinger Street, in Taylor. Please bring your favorite baby or toddler book and/or puppet to gift. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Maureen at (512)365-0670.

Crafting Club – Every Tuesday at 3:30 PM

Join us 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 to Felicia Graves for Updating Our Website!

Our church website, fumctaylor.org, has recently received a makeover! Thank you to Felicia for volunteering her time and talent to take on this big project! Log on to check it out!

Pumpkin Patch News

The pumpkin delivery date is set for Saturday, October 5 at 9:00 AM. Please plan to help with unloading if you are able. We are now collecting the following items to make poppers for the pumpkin patch: candy (no chocolate or nuts, please), trinkets, fall paper napkins, and toilet paper tubes. You may bring your items to the church office.

Scarecrow Decorating Contest – Saturday, October 12

Please see Susan Brock for rules and details.

Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner – Wednesday, October 30

Meals provided by Chris Kelm. Tickets available soon!

Austim Support Group

FUMC will now host a support group for families of children with autism. The group will meet at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall every first Monday of the month. Thank you to Felicia Graves for beginning this much needed support group for the Taylor community. If you know a parent that could benefit from joining this group, please share this information with them and look for the group "Taylor, Tx Special Needs Moms" on Facebook.

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Family and Friends of Avery Koonce, Sylvia Young, LaRessie Santiago,
Vesta Ryan, Diane Turner, Julie Blake, Family and Friends of Lucy Mokry,
Jeanie Weiss, Carrie Jackson, Friends and family of Judy Sanborn, 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!

Matthew Drummond 1
Kaci Lewis 1
Bo Slone 3
Dudley Hall 5
Rick Gray (staff) 6
Braedyn O'Connor 7
Marsha Beckermann 8
Merton Rose 9
Nancy Jaecks 17
Madeleine Hensley 18
Elizabeth Slone 19
Daniel Beckermann 21
Jason Ball 22
Melissa Burrow 22
Debra Vester 23
Rachel Davis 25
Christian Beckermann 27
B.J. Burrow 28

Joy of the Week

Scottie Edwardsen, son of Scott Edwardsen and Dr. Jennifer Garcia-Edwardsen, began his first week of preschool at FUMC Mother's Day Out this past week, and along with his fellow classmates, had a great first week! MDO has a record 31 students enrolled so far this year. We are proud of you, Scottie!