



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!

October 20, 2024 – 10:30 A.M. Laity Sunday

“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.

(Stand, if able.)*

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Welcome all who long to encounter Jesus, the one who loves, tends, sustains, and saves us. Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.” Welcome all who walk the halls of power, who feel pushed and pulled to fight for position, status, and authority.

People: Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.” Welcome all who feel burned out, who have given more than they have day in and day out and long for someone to notice that you, too, need help and support.

All: Jesus said, “the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve.” Welcome, followers of Christ, who came to serve and show God’s abundant love and grace among us. We come to worship Jesus who shows us that serving is the fruit of our love and being served by one another is the source of our power as the Body of Christ. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH # 451

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Bobby Copeland

Though you are God, with all the influence and status that the name implies, you refused to pull rank, and parade your power among us. Instead, you chose to step down into our experience, living among us, as one of us, with all the struggle and suffering that goes with being human. More than that, you adopted the role of servant, washing feet, serving people of no reputation or social standing, and giving of yourself completely. As incredible as it sounds, you are the God who serves, and we can respond in no other way than to give ourselves to you in praise. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

UMH # 496

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

Marsha Beckermann

*(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

Rachel Woodburn

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 46: 1-3

Frank Chavana

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

UMH # 454

MESSAGE

“Hope”

Claudene Griffith

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

~ *Insert*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Yohan Baek

“May your Happiness be so obvious that all who see you may come to praise God!”

***POSTLUDE**

Rachel Woodburn

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Claudene Griffith, Guest Speaker

Bobby Copeland and Marsha Beckermann, Prayer Leaders

Brian Gray, Liturgist

Frank Chavana, Liturgist

Rachel Woodburn, 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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