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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:30 am Traditional

# First United Methodist Church

*where God meets people face to face!*

November 17, 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.*

*(\* Stand, if able.)*

## MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(respond in bold)*

Liturgist: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

**People: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!**

L: My heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**P: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

L: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness

**P: The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. AMEN.**

### \*OPENING HYMN “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH # 89

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

### \*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

**Holy One, there is no God like you. In praise and thanksgiving, we come before you ready to learn of your power, ready to follow your path for our lives. Holy One, there is no God like you. We ask simply for ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to comprehend the blessings you bestow. Amen.**

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

## CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

### \*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN “How Great Thou Art”

UMH # 77

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

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” *Piano and Violin Only*

## 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

“There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place”

Choir

#### \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 27: 30-34, 38

Liturgist

After Isaac finished blessing him, and Jacob had scarcely left his father’s presence, his brother Esau came in from hunting. He too prepared some tasty food and brought it to his father. Then he said to him, “My father, please sit up and eat some of my game, so that you may give me your blessing.” His father Isaac asked him, “Who are you?” “I am your son,” he answered, “your firstborn, Esau.” Isaac trembled violently and said, “Who was it, then, that hunted game and brought it to me? I ate it just before you came and I blessed him—and indeed he will be blessed!” When Esau heard his father’s words, he burst out with a loud and bitter cry and said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me too, my father!” Then Esau wept aloud.

#### \*SONG OF PREPARATION

“Simple Gifts” (*sing twice*)

~Insert

#### MESSAGE

“What Kind of Blessing Do You Like the Most?”

Rev. Yohan Baek

Note 1: Proverbs 8:34

“Blessed is the man who **listens** to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway.”

Note 2: According to the Old Testament, the family’s main purpose is to give blessing. God said to Abraham, “Abraham, I am going to bless you.

**I love you. I have an incredible plan for your future. I am going to be with you always.”**

Note 3: Bless your children by saying the blessing from Numbers 6: 24-26

**“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.”**

The first blessing “The Lord bless you, and keep you” is for protection. It means that your child is protected from physical danger and spiritual temptations.

In the second blessing “the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you,” the face of the Lord means the presence of God. So the second blessing means that the Lord is always present in your child’s life. It also means that God always loves your children and takes care of them.

The third blessing “the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace” means the approval of God. Every child seeks approval from their parents.

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

- 1.
- 2.

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Benediction Hymn”

~ *Insert*

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Yohan Baek

**“Be JOYFUL always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you...”** (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

**\*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

Brain Gray, Liturgist

Hunter King, Violinist

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children’s Ministry and Mother’s Day Out

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children’s Church

Robert & Tenny Swonke, Greeters

Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers