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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

April 6, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**We hope that through the songs, prayers, message, and fellowship,
you experience the Mystery of God that passes our human understanding.**

**For your children, a basket with activities is 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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

UMH # 881

***OPENING HYMN**

“Marching to Zion”
(verses 1 and 3)

UMH # 733

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

God of miracles, in the holiness of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, and to receive healing and hope. Lord, we come from the triumphs and struggles of the week, needing to feel your soothing presence. Lord, calm and soothe our souls. Lord, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life. AMEN

***SHARING GREETINGS** *(Please shake hands with someone you don't know.)*

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN**

“Old Rugged Cross”
(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 504

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S 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

“Song of Remembrance”

Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 9: 1-6

Liturgist

On October 31 the people assembled again, and this time they fasted and dressed in burlap and sprinkled dust on their heads. Those of Israelite descent separated themselves from all foreigners as they confessed their own sins and the sins of their ancestors. They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the Lord their God was read aloud to them. Then for three more hours they confessed their sins and worshiped the Lord their God. ...They cried out to the Lord their God with loud voices. “You alone are the Lord. You preserve them all, and the angels of heaven worship you.

***HYMN**“Hymn of Promise”
(verses 1 – 3)

UMH # 707

MESSAGE

“When Pain Comes Your Way...”

Rev. Yohan Baek

Sermon Note 1: Movie Called “The Pursuit of Happiness”

Sermon Note 2: Nehemiah 9: 2

“They **confessed** their sins....”

Sermon Note 3: They acknowledged their own pain. I see many people deny that they have pain. I see **many people hide their pain behind their jobs, their possessions, drugs or alcohol.**

Sermon Note 4: “**Pain is God’s megaphone to get our attention that SOMETHING IS WRONG**” ~C.S. Lewis

Sermon Note 5: Relationships are experienced at the superficial level.
Superficiality is the curse of our age.

Sermon Note 6: Nehemiah 9:3

They remained standing in place for three hours while the Book of the Law of the Lord their God was read aloud to them. Then they cried out to the Lord their God with loud voices.

Sermon Note 7: They got together and read the word of God for ...

After three hours, the word began to cut to the deepest places of their soul. The word was reading the deepest parts of their soul. They began to cry out to God with loud voices. They knew they were broken, and they said, “God, we cannot, but you can!”

Sermon Note 8: Matthew 18:20

“...For **where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.**”

Mark 14:32-33

“Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane. He took Peter, James and John along with him.”

Sermon Note 9: Who knows stuff that goes on in your life that almost no one else would know about? **There is a way we experience Jesus’ healing in the midst of two or three friends that we cannot experience when we are by ourselves.** From two or three friends, we get support and encouragement, when we face a pain that seems beyond our personal level of tolerance.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Respond in bold)*

Minister: How bold of Jesus to ride into Jerusalem at the holy time of Passover. He rode as a humble King.

People: Lord Jesus, let us walk with you, the path to the cross.

Minister: At supper one evening, he discharged one of his disciples, Judas, to go and do what he felt he must do. For the others, he gave a precious reminder of his love through the sacrament of bread and wine.

People: Lord Jesus, cleanse us and make us whole; feed us the bread of life that we might be healed and saved.

Minister: From the cross, he forgave the executioners and welcomed a thief to paradise.

People: Lord Jesus, forgive us our trespasses and welcome us as repentant people into your paradise. On this day, Lord Jesus gave us this holy feast, that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may proclaim his holy sacrifice and be partakers of his resurrection, and at the last day may reign with him in heaven. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Up from the Grave He Arose”
(verses 1 and 3)

UMH # 322

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Yohan Baek

***POSTLUDE**

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)