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## ***FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH***

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### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:30 am Traditional

### **ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE**

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### **PRAYER, DEVOTION, JOYS AND CONCERNS**

9:30 am via [ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 982-9669-2304

Phone# 346-248-7799

August 2, 2020 –10:30 A.M.

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

August 2, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Whether you are a first-time visitor or long-time member, we're glad you are here.

(\* Stand, if able.)

## **GATHER IN ANTICIPATION & PRAISE OF GOD**

### **OPENING VOLUNTARY**

"Allegro"

Corelli/Wolff

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in Bold)**

Liturgist

Call upon the Lord, and God will answer.

**Show us your steadfast love, gracious God, this day and always.**

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

Liturgist

We come to this place with different needs: some of us wrestling with problems that threaten to overwhelm us; some of us crying out for healing, for relevance, for refuge; some of us hungering for what God alone can provide. In this time and in this place, God is here and meets us face to face. Amen.

### **\*HYMN**

"The God of Abraham Praise"

UMH # 116

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **\*HYMN**

"Seek Ye First"

UMH # 405

### **JOYS & CONCERNS** *(Currently shared during Zoom gathering at 9:30 a.m.)*

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Sela Finau

The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen"

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

Liturgist

Gifted with the grace of God, and clothed with power from on high, let us now offer ourselves to the building of God's kingdom.

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

Gracious God, we bring our gifts to your altar, asking you to dedicate them to do the work of love and compassion in the world. We learned from Jesus, who had compassion on the crowds who gathered to hear him teach, that putting what we have in the hands of Jesus can bring abundance. Multiply these gifts with the love in which they are offered, that they might bring hope to those in need and might glorify and celebrate your love for all your children. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessing flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** UMH #881

Liturgist

**\*GLORY PATRI**

UMH#70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Liturgist

Gracious God, provider of all we need, we are often content to rely on our own devices, our creativity, our cleverness. We congratulate ourselves for our accomplishments, yet we find that these achievements and acquisitions do not fill the deep hunger inside of us. We long for the Spirit bread you alone can provide. Forgive us, merciful God. Help us receive the blessings you offer, that we may be your bread for the world— blessed, broken for all. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

Hear the good news. God's mercy is plentiful, and God's grace is abundant. Receive the bread of forgiveness and steadfast love.

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD****SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 32:22-31

Liturgist

**SERMON**

“Wrestling Marks”

Rev. Sela Finau

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION****INVITATION**

Everyone is invited to the Lord’s Table. Whether you are physically present with us this morning or joining us from your home, the virtual presence of Christ is with us, and is the host. If you received an individual communion wafer and juice set, you may open it at this time by peeling off the first layer and take hold of the wafer (body of Christ). And then open the juice (blood of Christ). If you prepared your own elements, you may now access them. When it's time to receive the bread and cup, you may receive them in your seats or you may come and kneel at the communion rails keeping social distance unless you're from the same household. If you did not receive communion elements when you entered, please notify an usher.

**RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD****\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Marching to Zion”

UMH # 733

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

**\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Postludium”

Gordon Young

**Please register your attendance in one of the following ways:**

1. Check-in on Facebook.
2. Comment on this worship service post, either on the Facebook page, Facebook group, Youtube or the website.
3. Please also share our worship service with others, either on social media, email or text.

**Ways you can give:**

1. Contact your bank to setup autodraft.
2. Mail a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 530, Taylor, Texas 76574.
3. Give online at [www.fumctaylor.org/give](http://www.fumctaylor.org/give).

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor  
Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry  
Tiffany Charles, Children's Time  
Cobb Family, Ushers  
Brian Gray & Clayton Cobb, Liturgists

**HOW TO JOIN FUMC TAYLOR**

Are you being led to become a part of this fellowship of believers? Do you desire to grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ? We invite you to join as a full member of the FUMC family! While the closing hymn is sung, you may rise and make a commitment to follow Jesus through his local body of FUMC Taylor in prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness. Please also send us a message to [office@fumctaylor.org](mailto:office@fumctaylor.org).

For Pastoral emergencies, outside of office hours, please contact Rev. Finau at 817-874-3533.

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance, Offertory Prayer  
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