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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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<https://www.fumctaylor.org/sunday-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 16, 2020 –10:30 A.M.

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

August 16, 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**

"Canzona"

Léon Boëllmann

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Liturgist

We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

**How good it is to worship together in unity!**

We come from our different occupations, our diverse activities.

**How good it is to worship together in unity!**

We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

**How good it is to worship together in unity!**

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

Liturgist

Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us.

In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together.

Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love. Sing with us

today, as we proclaim the good news of your grace. Dance with us today,

as we celebrate the unity we share in Christ. How good it is to be together!

Hallelujah! Amen!

### **\*HYMN**

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought"

UMH # 128

### **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

God of love and mercy, we give you thanks that the compassion of Christ was challenged to move beyond the people of one community. May it be a reminder to us, his disciples, to follow this example in our living and our giving. Help us to see beyond our walls, beyond our communities, and across the divides of nation, race and creed, and to be generous as we share our blessings that have their source in you, God of us all. We pray in the name of our rock and redeemer; in Christ, 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

God of Love, we have come here today for a family reunion! We know that we are sisters and brothers in Christ. Each of us is your precious child. And yet there is division in this family. There is sibling rivalry, old resentments, new irritations. We are quick to anger, slow to forgive. We would rather choose our relatives, than acknowledge the all-inclusive nature of your family. Open our hearts to your love, and show us the way of reconciliation. Teach us to see each brother and sister with your eyes. Help us claim our heritage as your own children, and live together in unity as your family.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

Do not be distressed or angry with yourselves, for the God who reconciled Joseph and his brothers, can surely reconcile us. God's mercy extends to everyone. Rejoice and live in unity!

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 45:1-15

Liturgist

### **SERMON**

“Courage to Forgive”

Rev. Sela Finau

## **RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

### **\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH # 369

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

### **\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“Maestoso”

Léon Boëllmann

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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  
Brian Gray, Liturgist

**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.

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