



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

October 4, 2020 –10:30 A.M.

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

October 4, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.

World Communion Sunday - Underneath the Oak Trees

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Liturgist

L: God of all creation, God of mercy, love and power,

P: we have come to praise you today.

L: God, cleanse our hearts.

P: Cleanse our hearts!

L: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us for your glory;

P: for you, O God, are One and holy! Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Liturgist

God of hope and peace, you are with us in all our days and in all our ways. As you walked with the Israelites in the desert, when they had given up hope, you came to them with nourishment and your steadfast love. As Jesus walked through Jerusalem, healing the sick and those afflicted, your love was made abundantly clear through acts of love and mercy. Be with us this day as we gather to hear your word. Inspire and encourage us in all that we do, that we may serve you faithfully, bringing hope and your message of love to your thirsting world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

TFWS # 2088

Lord I lift your name on high; Lord I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth, to show the way. From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave, From the grave to the sky. Lord I lift your name on high.

CHILDREN'S TIME

***HYMN**

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

UMH # 641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord. Come and quench this thirsting of my soul. Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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

Generous God, you have given so much to us, and we have offered back such small amounts in return. We have often served you as part-time followers, giving a fraction of our time and resources to your mission and an overwhelming share to our own indulgences. We strive to do better, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead – pressing on to the goal of serving Christ with all our being. In his 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

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***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.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON SERMON

Philippians 3:4-14
“Pressing On”

Liturgist
Rev. Sela Finau

SCRIPTURE INTO SCRIPT

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.

THANKSGIVING AND SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Respond in Bold)

Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him. Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin. Come to the Lord's Table, be at peace.

We have not believed you or trusted in your power.

Lord, help our unbelief.

We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

Cleanse us, Lord.

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened and unable to repair ourselves.

Heal us, Lord.

We ignore your call to center our lives in you, we fail to care for the earth, and we ignore the hopes and cries of people we encounter every day and people far from us who are poor, sick, or immigrants, or prisoners.

Ground us, Lord!

When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God!

By one Spirit we are all baptized into the one body, the worldwide body of Christ that gathers this day at his table.

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up our common life.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always!

And also with you.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said,

"This is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying,

"This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us,
we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living
sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has come among us. Christ has died.

Christ has risen. Christ abides with us.

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gather here, and on these gifts of bread
and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may
be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit
make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all
the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly
banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy
church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.
Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

*(While communion elements are being distributed, you're invited to sing along or pray
until the last person has been served. Please remain seated.)*

HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH # 618

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on
our knees.

Refrain:

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have
mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our
knees. [Refrain]

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our
knees. [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, this special communion reminds us of being members of a global community. We have feasted at your table. As you have nourished us, may we go into your world to bring a feast of peace and hope to others, listening with loving ears and acting with loving hearts, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION** “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less” UMH # 368

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
[Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
[Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

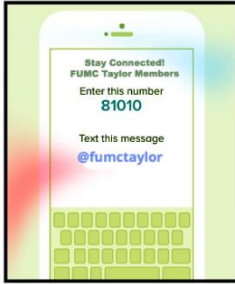
UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal) the red hymnal.
TFWS (The Faith We Sing) the small, black hymnal.



Upcoming Events

Pumpkin Patch opens Oct. 3-31, Monday - Friday 2:00 p.m.-dark, Saturday 10:00 a.m. to dark,
Sunday 12:00 p.m.-dark

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Chicken Fried Chicken Meal Fundraiser



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Beer and Bible: @beernbible

Youth Ministry: @youngpeeps

Children Ministry: @fumctay

Chicken Fried Chicken Dinner

Wednesday, October 28th

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Pick up only.

Get your tickets from a church member, Pumpkin Patch tent or church office.



We have Pumpkin Patch t-shirts!

Cost is \$10 each for adult sizes.

You can purchase from the church office, Pumpkin Patch tent
or our online PayPal account at paypal.me/fumctaylor.

Just be sure to indicate that it is for T-shirt.

October Communion Offering will go towards the Benevolence Fund.

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.

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 come forward 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.

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

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