



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

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PRAYER, DEVOTION, JOYS AND CONCERNS

9:30 am via [ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 982-9669-2304

Phone# 346-248-7799

November 1, 2020 –10:30 A.M.

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

November 1, 2020

All Saints Sunday

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: For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Lord.

P: For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Lord.

L: For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Lord.

P: For all the saints, those who rest from their labors, and those who labor still, we give thanks, O Lord.

L: Praise be to God, who continually inspires and guides workers and witnesses.

P: Open our hearts and spirits, O Lord, and help us to become good workers for you. Amen

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Liturgist

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name, Amen.

***HYMN**

“Hymn of Promise”

UMH # 707

1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tiffany Charles

*HYMN

“When We All Get to Heaven”

UMH # 701

1. Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, sing his mercy and his grace; in the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

Refrain: When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be!
When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory.

2. While we walk the pilgrim pathway clouds will overspread the sky,
but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh. [Refrain]

3. Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day; just one
glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay. [Refrain]

4. Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold; soon the
pearly gates will be open; we shall tread the streets of gold. [Refrain]

ALL SAINTS DAY REMEMBRANCE

All Saints Day Litany

(Please respond in bold.)

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Ancestors of the faith, we remember you.

We remember the prophets and priests,
the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Teachers of the faith, we remember you.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles,
those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Family of our faith, we remember you.

We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren,
brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents,
friends and neighbors, whose lives ended too soon:

Those close in our heart, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God,
the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives,
knowing that they are with Your heart forever.

(As we read the name of each person, a chime will be rung, and we will pause momentarily and give thanks to God for their life.)

*V.R. Whittington
Tyler Cobb
Leroy Olbrich*

*Roy Rogers
F.D. Glenn
Florence Finn*

*Gloria Gray
Lorraine Flint
Fred Switzer*

Thank you, Lord, for their lives.

We remember and celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.

**We know you are with us in the spirit of worship,
and you will not be forgotten.**

We give thanks, O God,
for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.
We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ,
and know that in our grief and celebration, O God,
You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone.
In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

Amen

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 all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us; so that one day we may stand amidst the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. 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**

Matthew 5:1-12

Liturgist

SERMON

"Blessed!"

Rev. Sela Finau

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God,

Creator of heaven and earth:

God of Abraham and Sarah,

God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah,

God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets,

God of Mary and Joseph,

God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers,

God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection

you gave birth to your Church,

delivered us from slavery to sin and death,

and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered 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.

Renew our communion with all your saints,
especially those whom we name before you in our hearts.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

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 for ever.

Amen.

(Please remain seated while communion is being served. Each family will receive 1 roll and 1 juice bottle. Please notify an usher if you need gluten free elements. Communion offering for November will go towards Benevolent Giving.)

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Marching to Zion ”

UMH #733

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne.

Refrain: We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God; but children of the heav'nly King, but children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad. [Refrain]

3. The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets before we reach the heav'nly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. [Refrain]

4. Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high. [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal) the red hymnal.

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2. Mail a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 530, Taylor, Texas 76574.
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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor

Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry

Tiffany Charles, Children's Time

Marsha Beckermann & Brian Gray, 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 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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