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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

November 22, 2020 –10:30 A.M.

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

November 22, 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**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Liturgist

Let us remember what our God has done!

**God created the world out of a formless void.**

Let us remember what our God has done!

**God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.**

Let us remember what our God has done!

**God created people in the image of God.**

Let us remember what our God has done!

**God has made us caretakers of the earth.**

Let us complete our task in faithfulness.

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

Liturgist

Eternal God, your Spirit moved on the waters - and there was light, your first creation. Your Spirit moved on the water of our baptism - and again, there was light in our souls and hearts. Let your holy light shine on us today, as we remember your creation and our special part in it. Amen.

#### **\*HYMN**

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH # 98

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **\*HYMN**

"Blessed Be the Name"

UMH # 63

### **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 mercy and compassion, what is the offering that pleases you most? Certainly, not the token gift that makes us feel we have done all that is required, but a gift that reminds us that need is all around us, and compassion and love are needed desperately and can be given extravagantly. May the gifts we give through your church help the hungry, thirsty, the imprisoned; but may our whole being be centered on seeing the opportunities to personally make your love real to a hurting world. We follow in Christ's holy, loving way. 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

Merciful God, we get so caught up in our own lives and needs that we fail to see others for whom we might provide some help and relief. You challenge us to feed those who are hungry and to quench the thirst of those who are parched. You ask us to bring clothing to those who have none or for whom the clothing is inadequate for the weather; to visit people who are sick, alone, alienated, who are imprisoned either in cells with bars or in conditions of hopelessness and poverty that they see no way out; to welcome the stranger and reach out to those who are marginalized; to always bring your words of healing and redeeming love. We have failed in these tasks – we ignore the opportunities and claim that we are too busy to help, too busy to care. How this attitude must sadden you, O Lord. You lavish your gifts upon us that we might use them for the betterment of your realm, and we treat them as inconveniences. Forgive us, O God. Forgive us and heal our wounds of greed and selfishness. Let us greet this day when the hope of the Reign of Christ can be made manifest and we can be part of this glorious kingdom of peace and compassion. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved! Amen.

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 1:31-2:3, Exodus 20:8-11

Liturgist

### **SERMON**

"Why Keep the Sabbath?"

Rev. Sela Finau

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

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

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH # 369

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal) the red hymnal.

### **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

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](mailto:office@fumctaylor.org).

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

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