



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

November 8, 2020 –10:30 A.M.

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

November 8, 2020 – 10:30 A.M.

Worship – 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.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in Bold)

Liturgist

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead.

Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.

Clear the chaos and the clutter

Clear our eyes that we can see

All the things that really matter. Be at peace and simply be. Amen.

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Liturgist

Your love has brought us together, O Lord, and it is your love that sustains us through each day. We pray that you would keep us faithful. Even as we watch for signs of your kingdom, strengthen us to work with you to bring about, here and now, your reign on earth. Give us the courage to witness to your presence in the world, today, tomorrow, and into the future. We pray in the name of the One who comes, Christ our Savior. Amen.

*HYMN

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

UMH # 662

CHILDREN’S TIME

Tiffany Charles

*HYMN

“O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice”

UMH # 391

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

Ever vigilant God, you watch over us every night as we sleep and every day as we rise to do our work and as we gather at tables to feast on the food you provide. Your care for us is never ceasing. We long to be as vigilant as we strive to be the kingdom-ready church you desire here on earth. Help us to keep our eyes and ears open to the needs around us. May we give so generously that when it is time to close our eyes in sleep, we will rest knowing we have been faithful and vigilant in our caring and compassion. 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

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Lord, forgive us when we so easily turn our backs on you; when we choose not to help in times of need; when we utter words of anger and bitterness as ways to relate to one another. Heal our hearts and our wounded spirits. Lift us from the depths of our anguish into the light of your love that we may serve you faithfully. When the darkness becomes oppressive and we cling to our fears, O Lord, forgive us. Open our hearts and release us from all those things which block us from your love, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist

God's brilliant love bursts through the oppressive darkness to heal our spirits and to prepare us to become effective disciples! Rejoice! God's love is poured out for you!

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Liturgist

SERMON

Rev. Sela Finau

"As For Me and My Household, We Will Serve the Lord"

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

TFWS # 2129

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

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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 & Tiffany Charles, 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.

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