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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

December 27, 2020 –10:30 A.M.

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

December 27, 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**

### **LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES**

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

Liturgist

L: The word comes forth from the mouth of God!

A new name shatters Caesar's rod!

**P: Let us hear our new name, Let us turn to the light,**

**Let us build a new earth, Let us celebrate new life!**

L: Let Simeon lift God's children to heaven!

Let Anna reveal the name God has given!

**P: Let us hear our new name, Let us turn to the light,**

**Let us build a new earth, Let us celebrate new life**

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

Liturgist

God of Promise and mysterious Light, be with us this day as we journey in our faith. Give us courage and hope along our way, as your light will continue to glow brightly in our path, leading us to service and discipleship in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **\*HYMN**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

UMH # 240

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Tiffany Charles

#### **\*HYMN**

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

UMH # 238

### **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"

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

God of hope and joy, the gifts we offer to you pale when our minds try to grasp all we have been given in this season: wholeness in our woundedness, hope in our despair, peace in our turmoil, forgiveness in our rebellion. Like Simeon, our eyes have seen your salvation, and you give us light in our darkness. Help us embrace your extravagant generosity as we give ourselves to others. In our Savior's holy 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.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Liturgist

We confess, O God, that we are not ready to come down from the Christmas "high." So much time was spent in gathering, wrapping, and delivering gifts; in preparing for family gatherings and times with friends; in decorating our homes. But somehow, right after Christmas Day, we feel a letdown. We don't want that "high" to be over. We want to feel the "peace on earth" feeling, but we let it go. We push it aside when we begin our journey of complaining and blaming others for everything that is going wrong. We ignore the blessing of the gift when we refuse to help those in need. Shake us up, Lord! Get us ready to be people of compassion and hope. Wake us up, Lord! Help us see the beauty and possibilities of peace around us. Fill us up, Lord! Fill us to overflowing with joy. Let our words, our thoughts, and our actions speak of your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

Behold! God has given God's Son that we might have life--new, vital, sparkling. Feel the wondrous power and love of God in your heart this day and know that God is with you always. Amen.

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 2:21-40

Liturgist

### **SERMON**

"They Named Him Jesus"

Rev. Sela Finau

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

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

"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"

UMH # 251

### **\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal) the red hymnal.

### **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

Clayton Cobb & 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](mailto:office@fumctaylor.org).

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

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