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## ***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

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# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

February 7, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

Welcome! Thank you for worshiping 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)**

L: Praise God who has showered us with love.

**P: Even in the dark times, God protests and guides us.**

L: God has blessed us with a magnificent world

**P: If strife should assail, God call us to be people of healing and action to help others.**

L: Come! Let us worship God who is always with us.

**P: Let us praise God that through all our trials and triumphs, God's love brings us hope. Amen.**

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

God of mercy and love, be with us this morning as we hear the stories of Jesus and his compassion. Remind us again that we also need to be people of hope and compassion in this world which seems so dark. You, O God, open the doors of blessings. You reveal to us the many ways in which Jesus reached out to others at their time of need. Inspire our hearts and lift our spirits this day, for we offer this prayer in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### **\*HYMN**

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

UMH # 375

Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole,  
there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. [Refrain]

2. Don't ever feel discouraged, for Jesus is your friend,  
and if you look for knowledge he'll ne'er refuse to lend. [Refrain]

3. If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul,  
just tell the love of Jesus, and say he died for all. [Refrain]

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

Tiffany Charles

**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"

**\*HYMN**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus "

UMH # 526

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
3. Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Tiffany Charles

God of grace and mercy, you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. We remember this morning that Jesus' ministry was deeply involved in both healing of people's bodies and healing of relationships. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing – of body, of spirit, of broken relationships – to people who are in desperate need. This we pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessings 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

Tiffany Charles

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**

Mark 1:29-39

Rev. Sela Finau

**SERMON**

“Healing On the Go!”

Rev. Sela Finau

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION** All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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

You lead us in paths of righteousness and peace.

In the words of the prophet Isaiah,

and the cry of John the Baptizer,

you have spoken of your great love

for your people and have promised

to heal all that is broken and forsaken,

to redeem all who are lost and alone.

And so, with your people on earth,

and all the great cloud of witnesses in heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes**

**in your holy name.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and holy is your son, Jesus Christ,

who came to the river to be baptized,

and taught us of the Holy Spirit,

living in us and around us and among us.

On the night in which he gave himself up

*(continue the Words of Institution)*

do this in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts

in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves

in praise and thanksgiving

as a holy and living sacrifice

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 become one with Christ,  
who lived and died and rose to bring healing  
to a broken world.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,  
one with each other, and one in ministry  
to all the world, until we feast together  
at the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.

Maker of justice and mercy,  
Spirit of compassion and grace,  
Lover of all creation,  
we give you thanks and praise.

**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 February will go towards Benevolent Giving. You may place your communion offering in the basket.*

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

### **\*HYMN OF INVITATION**      “Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH # 600

1. Sing them over again to me, Wonderful words of life;  
Let me more of their beauty see, Wonderful words of life;  
Words of life and beauty Teach me faith and duty.  
Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life;  
Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.
2. Christ, the blessed one, gives to all Wonderful words of life;  
Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of life;  
All so freely given, Wooing us to heaven. [Refrain]
3. Sweetly echo the gospel call, Wonderful words of life;  
Offer pardon and peace to all, Wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, Sanctify forever. [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.
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

Tiffany Charles, Liturgist & Communion Server

**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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