



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.

March 14, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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: Give thanks to God, for God is Good.

P: God's steadfast love endures forever and ever!

L: Praise God with every fiber of your being!

P: God's power and mercy are poured on us.

L: Thank God for all the wonderful gifts that you have received.

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised, for God has done wondrous things for us! Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Lord, as we gather here, remind us that you have shared with us your most precious gift, our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us to model our lives after his messages of compassion and service to you and to all your world. In Christ's Name, we offer this prayer. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Because He Lives"

UMH # 364

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"

CHILDREN'S TIME

Tiffany Charles

***HYMN**

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

UMH # 301

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Great and generous God, our lives are surrounded by things that steal our lives, inflict and destroy us. The tithes and offering we share with you this day are a way of keeping us focused not on the things that would take life away but will renew our lives: hope, love, compassion, empathy. As the Israelites looked to a serpent on a pole for healing, we look to a Savior on a cross to be brought back to life. In that holy name, Jesus the Messiah, 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**

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

There's something about darkness that we love, Lord. Perhaps it is that in the darkness our sins and our misdeeds will not be noticed so readily. Perhaps we fear the light of your love because of our guilt and embarrassment about not following you. You sent the light into the world that all might see your love and learn how to live in the light. But we haven't done very well in the light. We have stumbled, fallen, and failed far too often. Sometimes we just want to give up. Reach through the darkness of our souls and spirits and let your light of love and hope shine on us and eventually in us, that we might bring others to the Light. For you sent your Son that we would be redeemed. We need to trust in that gift. Heal and forgive us for our waywardness. Pick us up and put us on the right path, the path to the Cross and beyond where we will serve you by serving your world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear now the loving truth of God: God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-21

Rev. Sela Finau

SERMON

“For God So Loved the World”

Rev. Sela Finau

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

UMH # 402

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

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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 & Liturgist

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.

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

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