



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 7, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

Third 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: This is the third step on our Lenten Journey.

P: It is on this journey that we will face our greed and selfishness

L: It is on this journey that God will confront us.

P: Our hearts are ready to receive God.

L: Come, then, and let us move forward toward the Cross.

P: Let us faithfully and confidently follow Jesus. Amen

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

***HYMN** "Standing on the Promises of Christ My King" UMH # 374

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** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" TFWS # 2088

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of holiness and grace, we know the words of your commandments. In our hearts, we know that following them makes life easier, not harder; fuller, not more restricted. We know there is no God greater than you, yet we have made the silliest things our gods and have thrown our money and resources after them. As we offer our gifts this day, we are reminded that only you have given the gift of a savior and the redemption of our rebellious lives. In Christ's name, we trust and pray. 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

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

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the "temples" of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rejoice! You are forgiven. Let the clutter of your life fall away and be replaced by the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:13-22

Rev. Sela Finau

SERMON

“Jesus Flipped the Tables”

Rev. Sela Finau

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION All are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

(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 March will go towards Benevolent Giving. You may place your communion offering in the basket.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH # 261

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal) the red hymnal.

TFWS (The Faith We Sing) the black 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 & 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.

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

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