

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](#)

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First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

April 4, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

Easter Sunday

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.)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Thanks be to God.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Loving, Powerful God, joy overflows our souls on this day! Christ is risen! Fear is vanquished! Open our hearts and our spirits to receive fully the joy which has been given for us! Let us celebrate the victory of Christ and the hope for the future! Amen.

***HYMN**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

UMH # 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia! Everlasting life is this, Alleluia! Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia! Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

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**

“Christ Is Risen”

UMH # 307

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; All creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair. Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare. Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us, sing Hosanna, everyone!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mighty God of Resurrection power: We so desperately need the "Alleluia!" morning! We have lived with death for so long; we have been trapped in our tombs so long, we could not be more anxious to hear the report from Mary, "I have seen the Lord!" We know in our hearts that you have been with us through all the past year has handed us, and we have seen you in the generosity of heart that has brought us through these days. As we give back to you this day, may we do so as those convinced that light will always wash away darkness, and life will always defeat death! In the name of our risen Savior, 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

Gracious and Patient God, we come before you with so many things which weigh us down. We would like an "easy" faith, one that doesn't cause us to look within ourselves, to identify those many ways in which we have forsaken you. But faith is never easy. It requires our very souls. Forgive us, God, for all those things which we have neglected to do that would have helped someone else to be closer to you. Heal our hearts from the wounds which have been inflicted upon us by the anger and misunderstandings which occur in relationships. Prepare our lives to be of service to you. In silence we wait. We long for your presence and your healing touch. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Darkness is gone! Light floods into our souls! Christ is Risen! His love and mercy are poured out for you. Rejoice! Christ is Risen, indeed! Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Joy in the Morning”

Lynn Bedard

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-8

Rev. Sela Finau

SERMON

“When the Sun had Risen”

Rev. Sela Finau

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Everyone is invited to 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 April will go towards Benevolent Giving. You may place your communion offering in the basket.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *(Please respond in bold.)*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

Alleluia. The risen Christ is with us.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Death is Conquered! Sin's power is broken.

Praise to you, Conquering God!

We have seen your glory.

And we are yours!

We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks,
all our praise, we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and
voices.

Yours, all yours!

Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before
creation, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space our instruments
may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are
God, boundless in love and power.

We stand in awe, trembling in the light of your glory!

What are we that you should notice us? What are we that you should love
us? What are we what you should call us into covenant with you, a
covenant we continually break, and you continuously sustain.

Mercy! How full of mercy!

How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and
saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:

Jesus Christ who comes in God's name, you are worthy, worthy!

Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy, worthy!

Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing!

You are holy, O God!

Holy!

You are worthy, O Christ!

Worthy!

Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!

Worthy when you preached good news
that God's kingdom has drawn near
and gather disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world
what life in God's reign means:

healing for the sick.

new life for the dead,

cleansing for the lepers,

freedom for the possessed,

new birth, new hope, new creation breaking in for all.

Worthy! Worthy! Worthy above all!

Worthy too, the night we betrayed you,
when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it,
and gave it to your disciples.

Worthy when you told them,

"This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

We remember.

Worthy when you took the cup,
praised God and shared it,
and worthy when you said,
"This is my blood of the new covenant for you.

Remember me."

We remember.

And on this day of days,
we proclaim above all,
worthy were you when the angels rolled away the stone,
and you came forth from the tomb,
trampling down death by death
and to all in the graves
restoring life.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives
and these gifts of bread and wine,
proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Even so, come upon us, Holy Spirit.
Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these gifts.
Come upon these gifts.

Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.
Make us one body in Christ enlivened by his blood.

One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit,
as you move us to pray for the church and the world:

That we with Mary Magdalene may proclaim the gospel boldly:
Hear us, O God.

That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary:
Hear us, O God.

That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death's power
vanquished:
Hear us, God.

That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace:
Hear us, O God.

That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and
downcast may be set free at last.
Hear us, O God.

Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit,
this day, and every day until that day
when we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb
and our Easter rejoicing shall know no end.
**All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now
and forever. Amen!**

(Breaking of bread and lifting the cup.)

You may now partake the body and the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you.

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION (In unison)

Triune God, you have fed us with the love of Christ, uniting us with you, filling us with the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Send us, rejoicing, to declare with Mary, in hearts, and hands, and voices, that day has dawned, and we have seen the Risen Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "Up From the Grave He Arose"

UMH # 322

1. Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain:

Up from the grave he arose;
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior,
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! [Refrain]

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau



Lilies

In Honor Of:

Our Taylor Family by Mike, Leslie, Kirk and Ashley Moss

The Delao Family by Ginny & Don McAlister

Alma LaVerne Barrington by David & Sandra Galnor

In Loving Memory Of:

Chad, Carolyn, Vera and Dutch by Mike, Leslie, Kirk and Ashley Moss

Cheryl McAlister by Ginny & Don McAlister

Tyler Dennis Cobb by Brian, Shelli, Clayton & Connor Cobb

Jerry Galnor by David & Sandra Galnor

Margarette Galnor by David & Sandra Galnor

Debi Tucker by Glynn Tucker

All of our church family lost last year by Glynn Tucker

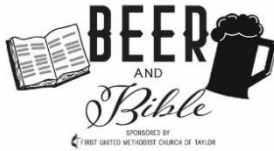
Royce & Erna Tucker and Billy Dick by Glynn Tucker

V.R. Whittington, Tyler Dennis Cobb,

Leroy Olbrich, Roy Rogers, F.D. Glenn, Florence Finn,

Gloria Gray, Lorraine Flint, Fred Switzer

(Easter lilies may be taken following worship service.)



Beer and Bible invites you to come join the conversation!

Beer and Bible is an ecumenical social justice happy hour! Join us Thursdays, from 6 to 7 p.m. Topics are presented for discussion every week with a biblical point of reference led by different speakers.

Currently meeting via Zoom
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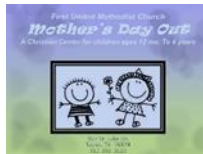


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Mother's Day Out

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-3pm. We still have a few spaces left in our Mother's Day Out program and it is not too late to join! Call 512-229-8512

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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor
Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry
Lynn Bedard, Special Music
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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