



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

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First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

September 5, 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: Lord, open our hearts this morning to hear your words of compassion.

P: Lord, help us to truly listen to you.

L: Lord, open our spirits this morning to strengthen our faith.

P: Lord, help us to work for you.

L: Lord, make us ready to serve.

P: Lord, make us ready to witness to your healing love. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Lord of mercy and compassion, be with us this day as we hear of the healing love of Jesus. Remind us that we are also recipients of his compassion and we are called to bring the same hope and love to others. Prepare us for service in His Name. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”

UMH # 662

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**

“Cry of My Heart”

TFWS # 2165

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

God of all good gifts, you have provided all that we need for full lives, and yet we don't stop there – we continue to fill our lives with things in an elusive search for security. As we bring gifts to you this day, remind us that only deeper faith will bring peace, and good works—caring for others through generous giving—will help us know the joy of full lives. We pray this in the name of Christ, who gave all out of love for all your children. 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

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

Patient Lord, you know us so well. We are fascinated by healing and can talk all day about the miracles, but we do not understand the compassion of Christ. We often say, “Just heal us; or Just make me rich; or Just make things go better at work” or other such deals and then we promise our faithfulness and witness. But in our hearts, we just don't get it. Please forgive us, Lord, when our greed and fear get in the way of understanding. Help us to know the transformational power of your love. Get us ready to be faithful witnesses to you in all that we say and do. It is in Jesus' Name that we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist

In the Name of Jesus Christ, you have been healed. Praise be to God who has given you new life. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

James 2:1-17

Liturgist

SERMON

“Faith & Works”

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 September will go towards benevolence. You may place your communion offering in the basket.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Fill My Cup, Lord”

UMH # 641

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor

Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children’s Ministry & Mother’s Day Out

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.

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Prayer of Confession, Words of Assurance, Offertory

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