



*World Communion Sunday*

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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:30 am Traditional

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# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

October 3, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

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Welcome! Thank you for worshipping 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 be to God who has called us together.

**P: We come here seeking healing and hope.**

L: Open your hearts to God's redeeming love.

**P: Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways.**

**All: Amen.**

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

Holy Mystery, Glorious Spirit of wonder, Bread of heaven, you have made us a little lower than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor.

You have called us to be your witnesses, to proclaim the good news in good times and in bad. Sanctify us and help us see ourselves in you, the living body of the risen Christ, broken and poured out to feed a hungry world.

Amen.

#### **\*HYMN**

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH # 368

#### **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**

"Blessed Be the Name"

UMH # 63

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

God of grace and goodness, your blessings in our lives have been so abundant that when trials come, we become disoriented. Our needs have so often been met that when we're challenged in life, we wonder what's wrong. Why isn't the world perfectly aligned to meet our desires? This morning, we give our tithes and offerings, with hope that we might ground ourselves in gratitude for the blessings that we so easily come to take for granted. We pray for eyes to see clearly the bright mountains and the dark valleys, with grateful hearts for both. In Christ, we 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

Liturgist

God of steadfast love, we have ignored your many gifts; we have forgotten to give thanks in all things.

**We have taken for granted the air we breathe, the food that nourishes our bodies, even the love of family and friends. We have forgotten that all these gifts come from you.**

We have sinned with our lips and in our hearts. Unlike your servant Job, when we are tested we do not say, "Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" Forgive our selfish ways, and turn our hearts to you.

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist

Even before we ask, God promises to redeem us and forgive us. In God's abundant grace, our feet stand on level ground and we are clothed in honor and glory. **Amen.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

Job 1:1-2:10

Liturgist

**SERMON**

“Holding It Together When Things Are Falling Apart”

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

## **RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

“We’ll Understand It Better By & By”

UMH # 525

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red 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](http://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](mailto:office@fumctaylor.org).

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

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