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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 17, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

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: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

**P: So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.**

L: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

**P: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.**

L: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

**P: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways. Amen**

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

Lord, everywhere we look we see the imprint of your creative love. The wondrous works of nature show your majesty. As we gather today to celebrate your love and creation, keep us mindful that we are part of that created order, meant to be stewards and not destroyers. Prepare us to work for you in ministries of peace and justice. Amen

#### **\*HYMN**

“God of the Sparrow God of the Whale”

UMH # 122

#### **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

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

God of great blessing, but even greater lessons, remind us again who gives life and who receives it. Sometimes, like Job, we need to have our questioning answered with a lesson – we need to learn that we are not the ones in charge in the universe. The gifts we bring this morning are not a down payment toward future favor, but a token of a debt we will never be able to repay. May we gain wisdom in the giving, and may these gifts be blessed for your glory, not ours. 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

We can get caught up in selfish pursuits and completely over look the wonders of your creation, O God. All around us are majestic reminders of the beauty you offer to us. But we are weak and easily trapped into attitudes of indifference or destructive behavior. You have not given this world to us that we should destroy it, but rather that we should cherish it and make sure that all receive from its bounty. Forgive our overwhelming greed and selfishness. Help us to let go of the petty desires for wealth, position, and power, and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people. These things we pray in the name of the Master Servant, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In the midst of our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you. Live in God's love. Amen.

**SOLO** "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from THE MESSIAH by G.F. Handel Lynn Bedard

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

Job 38

Liturgist

**SERMON**

"Finding God in the Midst of a Whirlwind"

Rev. Sela Finau

## **RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

UMH # 103

**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

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## **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

Lynn Bedard, Soloist

## **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

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