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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:30 am Traditional

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# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

November 14, 2021 – 10:30 A.M.

*Thank you to all Veterans in our church family for your service.*

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)**

L: What joy it is to have you here today!

**P: We have come from very busy lives, filled both with joys and difficulties.**

L: Welcome to this place in which God will ease your burdens and celebrate your joys with you.

**P: We have come to find hope and peace in our lives.**

L: Whatever has happened this week in your life, know that God is with you and offering you peace, rest and blessing.

**P: Thanks be to God who accepts us as we are, and thanks for the warm welcome in this service of worship. Amen.**

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

Lord, we have come to you this day bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. We place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened you are with us and blessing us. Open our hearts to receive your words and your spirit, that we may find healing and comfort. Open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. Ease our minds and spirits that we may hear the words of encouragement and peace this day. Amen.

### **\*HYMN**

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

UMH # 717

### **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

Mighty God, Architect of the Universe; your work of creation and building is always before us! We give our gifts this day in hopes that we might be co-builders with you in the creation of your kingdom here on earth! May our gifts also reach others who are hurting, who feel disconnected from your love, that they too may join us in the stonework of kingdom-building, whose mortar is the sharing of Christ's love with the world. In Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, 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

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God. You are blessed by God's absolute love for you. Rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. Amen.

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**SCRIPTURE**

Ruth 3

Liturgist

**SERMON**

“At His Feet”

Rev. Sela Finau

## **RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** “We’ll Understand It Better By and By” UMH # 525

**\*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

### **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).

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