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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 28, 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.*)

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

People of faith, prepare for the coming reign of Christ!

**As we gather to pray and sing and listen,  
a spirit of anticipation and hope fills us.**

The days are surely coming, says Our God,  
when justice and righteousness will prevail.

**May our worship illuminate our hearts and minds, freeing us to  
respond joyfully to God's call in the days to come.**

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

Holy Source of life and hope, as we come together this day, open our ears to hear, open our eyes to see, and open our hearts to love, that we may come to know your ways and follow your paths. Help us grow in love for one another, and for all creation, as we prepare for the coming of the one who calls us to turn from our false gods to you, Holy One, the true source of our salvation. Amen.

### **\*HYMN**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”

UMH # 251

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

Tiffany Charles

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**

“There's Something About That Name”

UMH # 171

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

Holy God of new beginnings, as we share our tithes and offerings with you, we are filled with hope. We enter the season of Advent with expectation; we have left behind us a time of fear, isolation, and uncertainty; and we raise our heads because we know our redemption is coming near. May our gifts be dedicated to help heal the brokenness of our world and to welcome our Messiah into the world once again. 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

Loving Creator, you call us to rejoice in your promise of the birth that is to come, but we are afraid. You invite us into a world where justice and righteousness prevail, but we turn away in fear. We long for an easy path into your promised world, but you warn us that there is no easy way. Birth new life within us, that we may abide in your perfect love — the love that casts out fear. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

God's mercy and steadfast love endure, strengthening our hearts and overcoming our fears. God will remove every obstacle that keeps us from being the body of Christ. Amen.

**Duet**

"Joseph, Dearest, Joseph Mine"

Lynn Bedard &amp; Betty Brown

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

<b>SCRIPTURE</b>	Luke 21:25-36	Liturgist
<b>SERMON</b>	“Signs”	Tiffany Charles

## **RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD**

<b>*HYMN OF INVITATION</b>	“Away in a Manger”	UMH # 217
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>		Tiffany Charles

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, Children’s Time & Guest Preacher  
Debby Vester, Liturgist  
Lynn Bedard & Betty Brown, Soloists

### **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  
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