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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:30 am Traditional

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# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

January 30, 2022 – 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)

Liturgist

Come! Hear the call of God: "Speak of me to my people."

**But we are just ordinary folks. Who will listen?**

"I will give you the words. I will always be with you as you speak my words of truth and justice and love."

**We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence, and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Liturgist

O God, in the midst of the cacophony of voices that crush our spirit and deny our calling, voices that say, "Who do you think you are?" we come to hear your voice of affirmation; we come to hear your voice calling us to be and do what you have called us to be and do. Let this time of worship quiet our fears, soothe our bruised souls, and energize us for ministry in and with your beloved world. Let faith abide. Let hope abide. Let love abide— here in this sanctuary, here in our community, here in our world, but most of all, here in us. Amen.

### \*HYMN

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

UMH # 133

### 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

"God of Love and God of Power"

UMH # 578

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

Loving God, we have been blessed with so much through your goodness. As we bring our gifts in gratitude this morning, you remind us that it doesn't matter what we have in our lives, if we do not have love, we have nothing. This love is not the love of Valentine's Day cards, and not even the love we feel among families, which are both rich blessings. You long for us to experience agape love – the love of the world, the love for those we don't even know. Open our eyes and our hearts. In Christ, our teacher, 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, who shapes the course of history, it is so hard to be a prophet. We're just ordinary folks. What do you expect us to do? Who will listen to us anyway? Even if they do, they'll only get mad. You'd do better to find someone else— someone older, someone younger, someone more articulate, someone with more courage, someone with more faith. But still we hear our call and your promise. Forgive our feet of clay— when we try and evade your call, when we make excuses, when we doubt your presence, when we reject your prophets, when we reject ourselves. In the opportunities and challenges in our lives, help us see that you are there, and help us respond in faith, hope, and love.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

God is our rock and our fortress. In God we find our hope and our strength. We are always surrounded by God's forgiving love, a love that has known us from birth and will never leave us.

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Luke 4:21-30

Liturgist

### **SERMON**

"He Said What?"

Rev. Sela Finau

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

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

UMH # 361

### **\*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 & MDO

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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