



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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 9, 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

L: God is with us always and calls us each by name.

P: When we pass through difficulties and stress,

L: God is with us and calls us by name.

P: When we are discouraged and feel lost and alone,

L: God is with us and calls us by name, and heals us.

P: Blessed be God who knows us and calls us by name. Amen.

***OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

Liturgist

Lord of Hope and Light, in the midst of Darkness you offered light to people who lived in fear. Today that light comes to us in the person of Jesus, the Christ. Open our hearts this day and remind us that you have marked us as people of hope and light. Prepare us to serve you by serving your world. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH # 89

PASTORAL PRAYER

C. Michael Cowan

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**

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH # 139

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Liturgist

God of new beginnings, as we move into this new year, stir in us the feelings of expectation! Kindle our hearts and minds to see possibilities for our world and for your kingdom. Help us to believe that the world we have can be better: more loving, more just, more compassionate, and looking much more like the world you've imagined for us. Lord, help us to give generously this day to empower that to happen. In the name of Christ, 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

Creator of the universe, we stand amazed at your power and glory. We are eager to worship you and offer our praise, but we are often reluctant to answer when we hear you calling our name. We sing our songs of tribute in the sanctuary, but shy away from the river, lest we be baptized with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us when we forget your promise to be with us always, O God. Renew us with the power of your ever-present love, and strengthen us to proclaim your justice throughout the world. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Liturgist

Hear the words of our creator, spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "I have called you by name. You are mine. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you."

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

John 3:15-17

Liturgist

SERMON

“Ready or Not, Here He Comes”

C. Michael Cowan

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“At the Name of Jesus”

UMH # 168

***BENEDICTION**

C. Michael Cowan

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor

C. Michael Cowan, Guest Preacher

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.

For Pastoral emergencies, outside of office hours, please contact
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