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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

10:30 am Traditional

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# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

April 3, 2022 – 10:30 A.M.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

## PRAYER FOR UKRAINE AND FOR PEACE

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

Liturgist

L: Break open our hearts this morning to hear your word, O God.

**P: Let our fears be vanquished, our spirits restored!**

L: Come and let us worship with great joy!

**P: Let us drop the things of the past which weighed us down!**

L: God is about to do something new in our lives!

**P: Let God's will become strong in our lives. Amen.**

### \*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Liturgist

We come into your presence, O Lord, with so many burdens and concerns on our hearts. Help us to be open to your words of healing and restoration. Bring us closer to you. Enable us to discern your will for us that we may serve you more faithfully by serving others in need. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

### \*HYMN

"My Hope Is Built"

UMH # 368

### 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

"Cry of My Heart"

TFWS # 2165

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Liturgist

Loving God, you give and give, and didn't think the life of your son was too high a price to pay for our salvation. Jesus' life was an example of sacrificial giving, all the way to the cross. As we give this day, we want our gifts to impact the world, but even more, we want them to bring glory to Christ, who lived and died for all your children. Help us to not hold back anything. We pray in the name of your son, our savior and redeemer, 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

Patient Lord, we find it easy to blame others and other circumstances for the things which happen in our lives. We hear the words "if only" and wonder why things didn't happen differently for us. Too often we want you to be a "magic" presence which will, with the wave of a wand, cure our ills, give us success and happiness. We don't necessarily want to take responsibility for our attitudes and actions. Things happen which we didn't plan for and events swirl around us over which we have no control. To place blame and not to find ways in which we can work through the situations is detrimental to everyone, especially ourselves. Forgive us when we are so busy placing blame that we don't recognize your presence and love for us. Free us from placing our own desires first and foremost. Help us to look at the many ways in which you are working in the world for peace and justice, and enable us to be part of that ministry. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Liturgist

Let go of your fears. God has forgiven you and offered to you God's healing love. Accept this free gift, for it is given for you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE SERMON**

John 12:1-8  
"Costly Perfume"

Liturgist  
Rev. Sela Finau

## **SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION** All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

*Please notify an usher if you need gluten free elements or communion served to you.  
Communion offering for April will go towards benevolence.*

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" UMH # 301

**\*BENEDICTION** Rev. Sela Finau

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)  
TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black hymnal)

*Join us following worship today for lunch and a Lenten discussion.  
The Lucky Duck - 220 E. Fourth Street, Taylor, Texas 76574*

### **Ways you can give:**

1. Contact your bank to setup autodraft.
2. Mail a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 530, Taylor, Texas 76574.
3. Give online at [www.fumctaylor.org/give](http://www.fumctaylor.org/give).

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor  
Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry  
Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministry & MDO  
Brian Gray, Liturgist and Communion Server

### **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  
Rev. Finau at 817-874-3533.

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