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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 17, 2022 – 10:30 A.M.

Easter Sunday

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)*

Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message of hope.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We run to the tomb to see for ourselves.

And it is true. Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen Lord is with us now and always.

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Thanks be to God.

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

Christ the Lord is Risen today! Alleluia! Our hopes and dreams have come true. We do not have to fear death, for Christ goes before us. Praise be to God who has raised Christ from the dead and given to us new life. Open our hearts to receive your wondrous words of love, O God. Help prepare us for the opportunities to serve you by serving others. In Christ's Name, we pray. Amen.

***HYMN**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

UMH # 302

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"

***HYMN**

“Christ Is Risen”

UMH # 307

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Mighty God of Resurrection Power: You offer us life that overcomes death, light that overcomes darkness, hope that overcomes our deepest despair! What response could we offer? Our tithes and gifts, yes; but our minds, hearts, bodies, and witness as well. May our minds be about understanding who you are and who you long for us to be in this world. May our hearts overflow with your love and compassion for the poor, the oppressed, and the forgotten. May our bodies carry us out of the tombs of isolation to engage our neighbors as sisters and brothers. May our witness be the “Alleluias!” we take with us to bring hope to everyone we meet! In the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY**

UMH #95

Praise God from whom all blessing 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

We have to admit it, Lord, that we had our doubts. We have heard the Resurrection story and for so many years it has remained just a nice story. But this time it is different. This time we have walked the path with Christ. We have journeyed through the wilderness and valleys, to the mountaintops to the courtyard, the garden and the cross. Now you bring us to the empty tomb and to the joyous news of the truth of Christ. Forgive us when we so easily doubt the truth of his resurrection. Forgive us when we feel we have to have absolute proof of everything. Your love in Jesus Christ is all the proof we need. You conquered death and sin, you brought us to new life. We praise your holy name and sing our unending song of hope and thanksgiving. Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Come into the light of God's love! Christ is risen! Death has been swallowed up in victory! Know beyond all doubt that God's love is always with you, surrounding you, leading you, comforting you. Be at peace. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In Christ Alone" by Getty/Townend

Felicia Graves

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Sela Finau

SERMON

"Christ Is Risen"

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Everyone is invited to 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.)

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION *(Please respond in bold.)*

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

Alleluia. The risen Christ is with us.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Death is Conquered! Sin's power is broken.
Praise to you, Conquering God!

We have seen your glory.
And we are yours!

We are yours, all yours, blessed Triune God, all our lives, all our thanks,
all our praise, we give it all to you, with all our bodies, and minds, and
voices.
Yours, all yours!

Yours the blessing, yours the praise, from the unimaginable silence before creation, beyond the farthest reaches of time and space our instruments may ever find, from infinity to infinity, everlasting to everlasting, you are God, boundless in love and power.

We stand in awe, trembling in the light of your glory!

What are we that you should notice us? What are we that you should love us? What are we what you should call us into covenant with you, a covenant we continually break, and you continuously sustain.

Mercy! How full of mercy!

How can we but praise you, joining our voices with the song of angels and saints, seraphim and martyrs, strangers and family in every generation:

Jesus Christ who comes in God's name, you are worthy, worthy!

Lamb of God who died and rose again, you are worthy, worthy!

Hosanna now we sing! Hosanna now we sing!

You are holy, O God!

Holy!

You are worthy, O Christ!

Worthy!

Worthy in your birth! Worthy in your living!

Worthy in your loving! Worthy in your serving!

Worthy when you preached good news
that God's kingdom has drawn near
and gather disciples, then and now, to learn and show the world
what life in God's reign means:

healing for the sick.

new life for the dead,

cleansing for the lepers,

freedom for the possessed,

new birth, new hope, new creation breaking in for all.

Worthy! Worthy! Worthy above all!

Worthy too, the night we betrayed you,
when you took the bread, blessed it and broke it,
and gave it to your disciples.

Worthy when you told them,

"This is my body broken for you. Remember me."

We remember.

Worthy when you took the cup,
praised God and shared it,
and worthy when you said,
"This is my blood of the new covenant for you.
Remember me."

We remember.

And on this day of days,
we proclaim above all,
worthy were you when the angels rolled away the stone,
and you came forth from the tomb,
trampling down death by death
and to all in the graves
restoring life.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives.

We remember, and we praise you with our lives
and these gifts of bread and wine,
proclaiming with one voice the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Even so, come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Come upon us, Holy Spirit.

Come upon these gifts.

Come upon these gifts.

Make them be for us Christ's body, Christ's blood.

Make us one body in Christ enlivened by his blood.

One in heart, one in mind, one in you, Holy Spirit,
as you move us to pray for the church and the world:

That we with Mary Magdalene may proclaim the gospel boldly:

Hear us, O God.

That we may offer your healing for all who are sick, or torn, or weary:

Hear us, O God.

That many dead and left for dead may be raised, and death's power
vanquished:

Hear us, God.

That all who are unclean may receive your cleansing grace:

Hear us, O God.

That all who are possessed, oppressed, distressed, depressed and downcast may be set free at last.

Hear us, O God.

Even so, come and fill this feast, Holy Spirit,
this day, and every day until that day
when we eat it new at the marriage supper of the Lamb
and our Easter rejoicing shall know no end.

All blessing, honor, glory and power be yours, Holy Triune God, now and forever. Amen!

(Breaking of bread and lifting the cup.)

The body of Christ broken for you.

The blood of Christ poured out for you.

SOLO

Lynn Bedard

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from MESSIAH by G. F. Handel

THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION (In unison)

Triune God, you have fed us with the love of Christ, uniting us with you, filling us with the power that raised Jesus from the dead. Send us, rejoicing, to declare with Mary, in hearts, and hands, and voices, that day has dawned, and we have seen the Risen Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

“Christ Is Alive”

UMH # 318

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Sela Finau



Lilies

In Honor Of

Our Taylor Family by Mike, Leslie, Kirk and Ashley and Henry Moss

Alma LaVerne Barrington by David & Sandra Galnor

Kodi Madison Copeland by Bobby and Trisha Copeland

Lilies
In Loving Memory Of

Chad, Carolyn, Vera and Dutch by Mike, Leslie, Kirk and Ashley and Henry Moss

Tyler Dennis Cobb by Brian, Shelli, Clayton & Connor Cobb

Malinda and Charles Beckermann by Marsha and Raymond Beckermann

Mary and Fred Brandt by Marsha and Raymond Beckermann

Roy and Pat Rogers, Clyde and Bobbie Copeland, Royanne Rollins

By Bobby and Trisha Copeland

Jerry Galnor by David & Sandra Galnor

Margarette Galnor by David & Sandra Galnor

Bemus Turner by Nancy H. Turner

Carolyn Becker by Nancy H. Turner

Marjorie Griffith by Bill and Claudene Griffith

Dorothy Fielder by Bill and Claudene Griffith

Joseph Whalen by Karen Couse and Karen Whalen

Family members that have passed before us by Karen Couse and Karen Whalen

Mary Brandt by Daniel, Amber, Turner and Emerie Beckermann

Marvin Cuba by Daniel, Amber, Turner and Emerie Beckermann

Family by Merton and Vada Rose

John and Dorothy Gibson by The Hensley Family

Mahon and Grace Garry by the Hensley Family

Jack and Margaret Ridgway by The Hensley Family

Tyler Dennis Cobb by First United Methodist Church

Jean and Leland Stevens by First United Methodist Church

(Easter lilies may be taken following worship service.)

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2. Mail a check to FUMC, P.O. Box 530, Taylor, Texas 76574.
3. Give online at www.fumctaylor.org/give.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sela Finau, Pastor

Debby Vester, Organist & Director of Music Ministry

Felicia Graves and Lynn Bedard, Special Music

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministry & MDO

Brian Gray, Liturgist & 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.

For Pastoral emergencies, outside of office hours, please contact
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Happy Easter!

*Christ Is Risen!
Christ Is Risen, Indeed!*

Join us each Sunday, 10:30 A.M., for worship in-person or online.

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