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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

July 2, 2023 – 10:30 A.M.

“Come close to God and He will come close to you.” James 4:8

(Stand, if able.)*

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH # 881

***OPENING HYMN** “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”
(verses 1, 2, 3 & 5)

UMH # 717

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In unison)*

Liturgist

God of mysterious ways, we thank you for this place where you are continually present and speaking. O God, please come to us as we come to you in worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and blessings flow in. In Jesus' name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

SHARING GREETINGS *(Please greet someone that you do not know.)*

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN** “This Is My Song”
(interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 437

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER, BLESSING ON THE GIFTS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.”

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

“He Is Exalted”

Choir

***DOXOLOGY** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Kings 6:1-7

Liturgist

The company of the prophets said to Elisha, "Look, the place where we meet with you is too small for us. Let us go to the Jordan, where each of us can get a pole; and let us build a place there for us to meet." And he said, "Go." Then one of them said, "Won't you please come with your servants?" "I will," Elisha replied. And he went with them. They went to the Jordan and began to cut down trees. As one of them was cutting down a tree, the iron ax head fell into the water. "Oh no, my lord!" he cried out. "It was borrowed!" The man of God asked, "Where did it fall?" When he showed him the place, Elisha cut a stick and threw it there, and made the iron float. "Lift it out," he said. Then the man reached out his hand and took it.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

UMH # 697

(interlude between verses 2 and 3)

MESSAGE

"Restoring Your Closeness to God"

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: 2 Kings 6:5-6

As one of them was cutting down a tree, suddenly his iron ax head fell in the water. 'What shall I do, sir?' he exclaimed to Elisha. 'It was a borrowed ax!' 'Where did it fall?' Elisha asked. The man showed him the place...

Note 2: Busyness and Distractions.

Note 3: Relying on My own Power and Pride

Note 4: 2 Kings 6:6

"So Elisha cut a stick and threw it into the water at that spot. The ax head floated to the top of the water."

Note 5: 2 Kings 6:7

"Take it out,' he ordered, and the man reached down and picked it up!"

Note 6: Revelation 2:4-5

Jesus says, "The love you had at first is gone. Remember how far you have fallen. Return to Me and change the way you think and act, and do what you did at first."

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. And the bread that I will give is my flesh."

**People: We remember Jesus, who healed the sick and raised the dead.
We remember Jesus, who consented to suffer and die for us.
And We celebrate the fact that death could not hold Jesus in
the grave!**

Minister: Lord, we take this bread and drink this cup, to remember
that you are present with us now.

**People: Today, we celebrate and give thanks that in life, in death,
in life after death, we belong to God. Lord, by your Spirit,
make us one with Christ, and one with each other. Amen.**

***HYMN OF INVITATION** “God Bless America”

**God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above**

**From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home**

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Yohan Baek

***POSTLUDE**

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UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)