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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:30 am Traditional**

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

September 10, 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

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

Liturgist

Liturgist: God, we are seeking you:

**People: Let yourself be found.**

L: God, we are calling you:

**P: Listen to our prayers. Receive your people with gladness!**

**You are our sovereign protector. Welcome us with blessings!**

\*OPENING HYMN      “The Battle Hymn of the Republic”      UMH # 717  
*(verses 1, 2, 3, and 5; interlude between verses 2 and 3)*

\*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*      Liturgist

**O God, our thoughts are not your thoughts and our ways are not your ways. You have called us away from the world to a place where we can commune with you and with one another. Receive us now as we approach you in worship. O God, let your Holy Spirit renew us in our inward parts. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. AMEN.**

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

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

\*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN      “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”      UMH # 557  
*(interlude between verses 2 and 3)*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER, BLESSING ON THE GIFTS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our prayer rises to heaven, to the mystery of God’s power,  
as the smoke ascends when the precious incense burns.

### THE LORD’S PRAYER HYMN

*See Insert*

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS

**OFFERTORY** "Living Spirit" Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH #95

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION** Janie and Barry Olfers  
Congregational Response UMH # 38

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 3:20 Liturgist  
**"God is able to do more than you think or imagine."**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** "The Old Rugged Cross" UMH # 504  
*(verses 1, 2, 4 and 5; interlude between verses 2 and 3)*

**MESSAGE** "Why Is Faith So Important In Our Life?" Pastor Yohan Baek

## SERMON NOTES



Note 1:

Note 2: **Ephesians 3:20**  
**"God is able to do more than you think or imagine."**

Note 3: Matthew 9:29  
**"According to your faith, it will be done unto you."**

Note 4: 1. Elderly people who never attend a church had a stroke rate double that of people who attend regularly.  
2. Heart patients were 14 times more likely to die following surgery if they did not participate in a religion.

Note 5: Romans 8:2  
**"Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death."**

Note 6: Matthew 14:36

"All who touched Him **were healed.**"

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "We Will Keep Our Faith Alive" *See Insert*

**\*BENEDICTION** Pastor Yohan Baek  
"May your **Joy** be so obvious that those who see you may come to praise God!"  
(In the first century, the cross of Jesus Christ  
meant the VICTORY and JOY of Easter)

**\*POSTLUDE** Jeeyoung Baek

*UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)*

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

Brian Gray, Liturgist

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

We envision a church where people build a relationship  
with God and each other.

Relationships transform everything!