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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:30 am Traditional**

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

September 17, 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: Listen to our prayers.

**P: God, you are our sovereign protector. Welcome us with blessings!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH # 89

*(interlude between verses 2 and 3)*

### \*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

**O God of heaven and earth, look upon us now. Enter our hearts and make us holy. O God, we come today, seeking your presence and your love. Help us to be open to your word, your presence, and your blessing. O God, clear our hearts of those things which block your will. Keep us focused on your enabling power. Amen.**

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

### CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

### \*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“I Surrender All”

UMH # 354

*(verses 1 – 4; interlude between verses 2 and 3)*

### NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Gary and Susan Brock

Congregational Response UMH # 38

### 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.



Note 4: Matthew 9:29

**“According to your faith, it will be done unto you.”**

Note 5: Hebrews 11:1

**“Only faith can guarantee the blessings we hope for.”**

**\*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

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children’s Ministry & MDO

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children’s Church

Robert & Tenny Swonke, Greeters

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**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:**

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

Relationships transform everything!