

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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

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

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

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN "I Surrender All" UMH (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.

Liturgist

Liturgist

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Tiffany Charles

UMH # 354

THE LORD'S PRAYER HYMN

See Insert

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY	"Lord, We Come to Ask Your Blessing"	Choir
*DOXOLOGY	"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #95

SCRIPTURE READING Joshua 3:13-16 Liturgist "It was springtime, and the river was in flood. When the people left the camp to cross the Jordan, the priests went ahead of them, carrying the Covenant Box. As soon as the priests stepped into the river, the water stopped flowing and piled up, far upstream at Adam... The flow downstream to the Dead Sea was completely cut off, and the people were able to cross over near Jericho..."

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH # 128 (verses 1 and 3; interlude between verses)

MESSAGE

"Acting in Faith"

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: Hebrews 11:6: "Without faith, it is impossible to please God."

Note 2: "We need faith without evidence" ~Coach Gary Barnett



Note 3: Mark 9:23 "Everything is possible for him who believes." 1 John 5:4 "The victory that overcomes the world is our faith." 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 Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

We envision a church where people build a relationship with God and each other. Relationships transform everything!