

THE SECRET OF
HAPPINESS



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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

October 15, 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: Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

People: We are God’s beloved children!

L: God knows us thoroughly.

P: None of us is perfect. Yet God has called us children.

We come joyfully to the house of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
(interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 89

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

O Holy Spirit, I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. O Holy Spirit, let me be exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. O God, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“In the Garden”
(interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 314

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 IN SONG

See Insert

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Here I Am to Worship" Choir

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

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Liturgist
"Be joyful always.... for this is God's will for you."

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "The Trees of the Field" TFWS # 2279

MESSAGE "Happiness" Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: 1) When people are happy about our church, they are more likely to invite their friends.

2) **The first thing that visitors note about a church is how happy the people are.**

Note 2: People who are Happy: 1) live longer; 2) have better health.

Note 3: **Most people do not feel good about themselves.
Most people have distorted images of themselves.**

Note 4: Growing up, the people (adults) around your life were mirrors.

Note 5: The number one problem in this society was low self-esteem.
(James Dodson's study)

Note 6: 1 Peter 2:9
...you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people belonging to God...
John 15:16

"You did not choose me, but I chose you..."

Note 7: **We love the feeling of being chosen.**
THREE HAPPIEST DAYS in your life? 1) 2) 3)

Note 8: **God makes us happy, by changing how we see ourselves.**

***HYMN OF INVITATION** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

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***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)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black 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!