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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:30 am Traditional**

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

October 22, 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

L: Come, take your rest this day.

**P: Lord, free us from the stresses we have endured this week.**

L: Come, put your minds at ease.

**P: Lord, ease the burdens and frustrations of our lives.**

L: Come. For this is the house of the Lord.

It is here that you will find peace.

**P: Praise and thanks be to God for giving us sanctuary. AMEN.**

### \*OPENING HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH # 526

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

Liturgist

**We have come to you this day, bringing all that we have, our lives, our hopes and dreams, our fears and sorrows. Lord, we place these before you in faith and hope, knowing that no matter what has happened, you are with us and blessing us. Lord, open our hearts to receive your words and your Spirit, that we may find healing, peace and comfort. Lord, open our lives to the wondrous possibilities for service and joy that you offer to us. AMEN.**

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

### \*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

UMH # 397

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER, BLESSING ON THE GIFTS**

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** "I Love the Lord"

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

**SCRIPTURE READING** Psalm 126:2-3 Liturgist  
Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for  
them." <sup>3</sup> The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION** "I Love to Tell the Story" UMH # 156

**MESSAGE** "What Do YOU Choose?" Marsha Beckermann

**\*HYMN OF INVITATION** "There's Within My Heart a Melody" UMH # 380

**\*BENEDICTION** Marsha Beckermann  
"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

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

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor  
Marsha Beckermann, Speaker and Lay Leader  
Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist  
Brian Gray, Liturgist  
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!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Ginny McAlister ~ October 26

**JOY OF THE WEEK:**

Congratulations to Gary and Susan Brock on the birth of their new  
granddaughter, Rachel Brock, who was born on Monday!