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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

October 8, 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: Come away from the rush and worry of the world to worship God.

People: Come away with me to a quiet place, apart from the world with its frantic pace, to pray, to reflect, and seek God’s guidance.

L: Come away with me. Come away.

P: Come. Rest your hearts and spirits in the presence of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

UMH # 261

(verses 1, 4, and 5; interlude between verses 4 and 5)

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

Come, Spirit; come into our worship, into our very selves. 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

“Spirit of God”

TFWS # 2117

(verses 1, 2, 4, and 5)

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

"The Trees of the Field"

Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 15:22

Liturgist

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert of Shur. For three days they traveled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "What are we to drink?" Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the LORD issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test. He said, "If you listen carefully to the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you." Then they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs and seventy palm trees, and they camped there near the water.

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Here I Am, Lord"
(verses 1 and 2)

UMH # 593

MESSAGE

"Disappointment"

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: Exodus 15:22

"Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the desert of Shur. For three days they traveled into the desert without finding water."

Note 2: Exodus 15:23

When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter, that is why the place is called Marah."

Note 3: After every mountaintop in life, there is always a valley.

Note 4: Exodus 15:24

"So the people grumbled against Moses saying, `What are we to drink?'"

Note 5: A big service (sacrifice) is often followed by forgetfulness.

"In thirty years I have never had an encouraging word, and I am fed up."

Note 6: Exodus 15:25

"Then Moses cried out to the Lord. And the Lord showed him a piece of wood and he threw it into the water and the water became sweet."

Note 7: Too often we stop (quit) too soon, when we get disappointed.

Don't throw in the towel. The place of delight is right around the corner!

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "For the Beauty of the Earth" *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)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black hymnal)

WORSHIP LEADERS

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

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

Relationships transform everything!