



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

November 26, 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

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

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

People want to be around happy people!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(Respond in bold)*

Liturgist

Liturgist: Welcome this day to a celebration of grace and abundance!

People: Praise be to God who has given us the seasons of the year.

L: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

P: Our lives should be witnesses to God's goodness and power.

L: God has blessed us with God's great love.

P: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

UMH # 139

(verses 1, 2, and 4; interlude between verses 2 and 4)

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

It is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did great signs in our midst. It is the Lord our God who has protected us and loved us through all the years. It is the Lord our God whose own Son, Jesus Christ, died and rose again, conquering death. It is time to wake up, for God is about to surprise us. It is time to start planning, for God's invitation will fill our church. It is time to worship, for God is here now! Amen!

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“This Is My Father's World”

UMH # 144

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

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG

Our prayer rises to heaven, to the mystery of God's power,
as the smoke ascends when the precious incense burns.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Leaning on the Rock of Ages" Choir

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

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 4:12 Liturgist

"I have learned to be content with what I have. I have learned the secret of contentment in every situation."

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "Let All Things Now Living" TFWS # 2008
(verses 1 and 2)

MESSAGE "Contentment" Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: Exodus 20:17

"You shall not covet...anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Note 2: Covet is the uncontrolled desire to acquire.

Note 3: Proverbs 23:4

"Do not wear yourself out to be rich, have the wisdom to show restraint."

Note 4: Ecclesiastes 5:12

"A working man can get a good night's sleep.

But the rich man has so much that he stays awake worrying."

Note 5: Insomnia increases with income.

Note 6: James 4:1

"What causes fights and quarrels among you?

Don't they come from the desires that battle within you?"

Note 7: Ecclesiastes 5:10

"You will never be satisfied if you long to be rich.

You will never get all you want."

"It's foolish to think wealth brings happiness!"

Note 8: **Coveting is the number one reason for dissatisfaction** in our world.

***HYMN OF INVITATION** "Benediction Hymn" *See Insert*

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Yohan Baek

"Be JOYFUL always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you..."

(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

***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

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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!