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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

January 21, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

You have come here with needs and expectations. We hope that your needs and expectations are met through the songs and prayers and message and Fellowship!

“Come close to God and He will come near to you.” James 4:8

(Stand, if able.)*

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(Respond in Bold)*

Liturgist: Come, all who need healing!

People: Heal my heart from anger!

L: Come, all who need healing!

P: Heal my spirit from fear!

L: Come, all who need healing!

P: Heal my alienation from family!

L: Come, all who need healing!

P: Heal my addictions!

L: Come, all who need healing!

P: Heal my doubt! The Lord offers healing.

*OPENING HYMN

“Precious Name”

UMH # 536

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

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

God of mysterious ways, you know us so well. We thank you for your presence in our lives, even when we don't recognize it. God of mysterious ways, be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. God of mysterious ways, open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and blessing flow in. In Jesus' Name, we offer this prayer. AMEN.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

(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

“My Song to the Lord”

Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:20-21

Liturgist

“God is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of, infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. This is the confidence that we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

UMH # 496

(Interlude between verses 2 and 3)

MESSAGE

“Prayer Works!”

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: Satan whispering in my ears. “Nobody is hearing this.
Prayer doesn’t work.”

Note 2: 1 Chronicles 29:11

“Everything in the heavens and the earth is Yours, O Lord.
We adore You as **being in control of everything.**”

Note 3: One of the marks of emotional maturity is when we realize that most of the world is out of our control. We accept the things that are out of our control. And we don’t sweat about them.
That is emotional maturity.

When we don’t know what in the world is going to happen, we do know that **God is in control, and that brings us great comfort!**

Note 4: Herod assigned four squads of guards to guard Peter. He has a guard chained to his left hand. He has a guard chained to his right hand. There were two guards right outside the cell. Two more guards outside the door of the prison itself. And at night they shut the iron gates of the city to lock everyone inside the walls.

Note 5: Acts 12:5

“But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him.”

Note 6: Acts 12:7 and 12

“An angel shows up and leads him out of the jail cell and takes him to the house where these people are praying.”

Note 7: “Those who were prayed for were less likely to develop congestive heart failure, five times less likely to require antibiotics and three times less likely to need diuretics.

None of them who were prayed for required a breathing tube.

Fewer of the prayed for developed pneumonia.

Fewer needed CPR after the procedure.

And none of those who were being prayed for died!”

Note 8: Romans 12:15

“When others are happy, be happy with them.

And if they are sad, share their sorrow.”

***HYMN OF INVITATION** “God Be with You till We Meet Again” UMH # 672
(verses 1 and 2, interlude between verses)

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Yohan Baek

***POSTLUDE** Jeeyoung Baek

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

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