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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

January 28, 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: We are here today for many reasons.

People: Some of us need a place to rest.

L: Some are lonely, and seek relationship.

P: Some are afraid, and look for courage.

L: Who is able to meet needs such as ours?

P: It is God who meets our needs, and we are here, because this is where God’s presence is celebrated.

L: Then let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

UMH # 575

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

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

God of mysterious ways, send your Spirit, that we may see what no human eye has ever seen. God of mysterious ways, send your Spirit, that we may hear what no human ear has ever heard. God of mysterious ways, send your Spirit, that we may understand what no human heart has ever understood. Reveal to us the way you have prepared for those who love you. AMEN.

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“This Is My Song”

UMH # 437

(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 "How Can I Keep from Singing" Anna Wicker

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

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 11:5-13 Liturgist

Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity, he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

***HYMN OF PREPARATION** "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"
TFWS # 2051

MESSAGE "Praying with Persistence" Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: At Least you've got a resource that most of the world does not have.

If you can pray, you are not trying to work it out on your own.

You've got God's power behind you.

Note 2: We find it tough to ask for something.

Note 3: We don't want to be a bother to someone else.

Note 4: Luke 11:11-13

“What would you fathers do if your son asks you for a fish?
Would any of you give him a snake? Or, if your son asks for an egg,
would you give him a scorpion? Even though you are bad, you know
how to give good things to your children. So surely your heavenly Father
knows how to give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.”

Note 5: **God wants to bless us! God is the good Father who knows
what gift will be best for us.**

Note 6: **Never give up coming to God in faith.
Never give up asking God for his blessings.**

Note 7: Luke 11:7

“...the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked,
and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.’”

Note 8: Genesis 32:26

“I will not let you go unless you bless me!”

Note 9: Be persistent in your prayers,
until God gives you the best possible blessing.

***HYMN OF INVITATION** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” UMH # 664

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Yohan Baek

***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

Anna Wicker, Violinist

Brian Gray, Liturgist

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