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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

January 7, 2024 – 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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

UMH # 881

*OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
(interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 89

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires, and new decisions, and new dreams. O God, because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future. Because you are a God of love, we know that you accept all the mistakes of the past. Because you are the God of our faith, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

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

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“It Is Well with My Soul”
(interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 377

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

“Above All”

Anna Wicker

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-16

Liturgist

"All this took place in order to fulfill what had been promised by the Lord."

"Live life with a due sense of responsibility not as those who do not know the meaning of life but as those who do. Make the best use of your time."

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Spirit of God"

TFWS # 2117

*(verses 1 and 2)***MESSAGE**

"Finding Time for What is Important"

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: Your account with \$86,400

Note 2: Time is our most precious resource.

Note 3: You can be number one in your career;
you can be number one in your family at the same time,

Note 4: Proverbs 17:24

"An intelligent person aims at wise action,
but a fool starts off in many directions."

Note 5: Hebrews 11:26

Moses regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward.

Note 6: 1 Corinthians 10:23

"Everything is permissible, but not everything is beneficial."

Note 7: Make a Don't Do list!

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving (Respond in bold)

Minister: Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. And the bread that I will give is my flesh.”

People: Lord, we gather together around your holy table, to remember just how much God loves.

Minister: And we break the bread and pour the cup, to remember that Jesus died so that we might be saved.

People: Lord, we take this bread and drink this cup, to remember that you are present with us now.

Minister: Lord, by your Spirit, make us one with Christ, and one with each other.

People: O Eternal God, today, we celebrate and give thanks that in life, in death, in life after death, we belong to God. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN OF INVITATION: “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” UMH #344
(verses 1 and 2)

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Yohan Baek

***POSTLUDE**

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

Marsha Beckermann, Communion Server

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children’s Church

Robert & Tenny Swonke, Greeters

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