

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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> WORSHIP SERVICE 6:00 P.M.

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors. February 14, 2024 – 6:00 P.M. "Come close to God and He will come close to you." James 4:8

(* Stand, if able.)

GATHERING MUSIC

All Silently Gather

Jeeyoung Baek

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

L: Blessed are those who know they have great spiritual needs,

P: because the kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

L: Blessed are those who are humble,

P: because the earth will belong to them.

L: Blessed are those who want to do what is right,

P: because God will fully satisfy them.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN "Nearer, My God, to Thee" (vs. 1, 2, 3) (Interlude between verses 2 and 3) UMH # 528

*OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

God, on this Ash Wednesday, we come before you exalting your supreme power, declaring that you are the God of our salvation. God, we come confessing the multitude of our transgressions known and unknown. God, we know that we have not helped the needy. We have been greedy even in the land of plenty. Lord, we know that we've abused our brother, misused our sister, forgot about our parents. We're guilty and we need your forgiveness. And so we kneel before you, asking that you would intervene for our sinful, sorrowful, and sick souls. God, Create in us newness of life, happiness of heart. Restore to us the full blessings of heaven. Deliver us from the penalty we deserve. And we will get up and live up to the expectations of your calling on our lives. These things we pray in the powerful and mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN	"When We Are Living"	UMH # 356
SCRIPTURE READING	Psalm 90:1-12	Liturgist
MESSAGE	"Count Your Days"	Pastor Yohan Baek

Liturgist

THANKSGIVING OVER THE ASHES

Pastor Yohan Baek

RECEIVING THE ASHES

Pastor Yohan Baek

(Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING (Responsively)

L: Blessed are those who show mercy to others,

P: because God will show mercy to them.

L: Blessed are those who are pure in their hearts,

P: because they shall see God.

L: Blessed are those who make peace,

P: because they shall be called children of God! Amen.

*All quietly depart

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor Tiffany Charles, Director of Children's Ministry & Mother's Day Out Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist Brian Gray, Liturgist Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children's Church 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Fellowship Luncheon

We will have a fellowship luncheon on Sunday, February 25th. Bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy lunch and fellowship with your church family.

Prayer Chapel

We are happy to announce that our Community Prayer Chapel at First United Methodist Church has been reopened! The prayer chapel will be open to the public every Monday through Thursday, 9 AM - 4PM. If you would like our church to pray for you, request cards will be available in the chapel.

A Message from Pastor Baek: Lenten Book Study

Ash Wednesday begins the 40-day period leading up to Easter. In the Christian year, this is Lenten season. What is Lent about? Lent is a time to reflect over Jesus' cross. It is a time to participate in Jesus' pain. I invite you to observe a holy Lenten season, by self-examination and repentance, by prayer and fasting, and self-denial, by works of love, by reading and meditating on the God's Word, and by reading a book, "The Circle Maker: Praying Circles around Your Biggest Dreams and Greatest Fears." "Spend your time and energy in participating a spiritual discipline.... spiritual discipline helps you in every way by bringing you blessings in this life and in the future life." (1 Timothy 4: 7-8)

