

*Building Better Relationships*



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**WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:30 am Traditional**

# First United Methodist Church

*Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.*

March 3, 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

“Because He Lives”

UMH # 364

### \*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

**God of mysterious ways, in the holiness of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, and to receive healing and hope. Lord, we come from the triumphs and struggles of the week, needing to feel the soothing presence of God. Lord, Calm and soothe our souls. Cause us to rejoice that you have provided a special place where we may gather to talk of your presence and love; to sing your praises; and to be empowered to go forth to serve you. AMEN.**

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

### \*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH # 526

*(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

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Choir

### \*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

## SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:17

Liturgist

"The wisdom that comes from heaven is pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

## \*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"You Raise Me Up"

*See Insert*

## MESSAGE

"Building Better Relationships" Pastor Yohan Baek

## SERMON NOTES

Note 1: 2 Corinthians 10:12

"It is SO unwise to compare." **\*Comparing only causes anger!**

Note 2: Proverbs 14:29

"A wise person knows that **anger causes mistakes.**"

Note 3: If you draw blood from people who are the most lonely and isolated and the most connected and out there, they have DRAMATICALLY different levels of inflammatory chemicals implicated in atherosclerosis and risk of cancer.

Note 4: Being **mindful of the feelings** of others.

Note 5: I Peter 3:7

"Husbands, be considerate of your wives."

Note 6: Not stubborn

Note 7: **We cannot grow unless somebody points out the things that we cannot see in our life that need changing.**

Note 8: Proverbs 12:15

"A fool thinks he needs no advice. **A wise person listens** to others."

Note 9: What to do with criticism:

1. If it is true, listen and learn from it.
2. If it is untrue, ignore it and forget it.
3. **Realize that ultimately God is the only judge of your life.**

Note 10: **Correct when they are up and not down.**

NOBODY CAN HANDLE CORRECTION WHEN THEY ARE TIRED.

"Your lesson about correction could solve so many relationship problems."

## **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:** "Hymn of Promise" UMH # 707

### **\*CLOSING PRAYER** *(In Unison)*

**Lord, help us this week to number our days not by fretting about how  
many we will have, but by pausing often to look for the goodness in  
our life. Let our lives show your love and grace so that many people  
who need you may find you! Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE** Jeeyoung Baek

*UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)*

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

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