

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

Palm Sunday, March 24, 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, prayers, 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

CHILDREN'S ENTRANCE WITH THE PALMS

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH # 278

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Respond in bold)

Liturgist: Jesus rides into Jerusalem.

People: Hosanna!

L: Branches are waved, people shout!

P: Hosanna!

L: Hopes and dreams are running along with the parade!

P: Hosanna!

L: Shout and sing for joy! The Lord comes!

P: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN

"Thine Be the Glory" (Verses 1 and 2)

UMH # 308

*OPENING PRAYER (In unison)

Liturgist

With great joy we welcome you, Lord Jesus! We have come to the time of entrance into the Holy City. We want everything to be wonderful; for you to conquer all those things that threaten us and our peace. Lord, forgive us, when we place our fears and ignorance before your love. Release us from our panic and mistrust and help us to place our lives solely in your hands. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name, AMEN.

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

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN "Old Rugged Cross"

UMH # 504

(Verses 1 and 2; interlude between verses)

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

Carrie Jackson

Congregational Response UMH # 38

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)

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG

Music sheet provided in the pew

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"The Holy City"

Rachel Woodburn

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14:28-31

Liturgist

UMH # 95

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"You Raise Me Up"

See insert

MESSAGE

"Why Peter?"

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: Luke 22:56-60

A servant girl saw Peter sitting there in the firelight, and looking closely at him, she said, "This man was also with him." But Peter said this was not true; he said, "Woman, I don't know him." A short time later, another person saw Peter and said, "You are also one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not!" About an hour later, another man insisted, "Certainly this man was with him, because he is from Galilee, too." But Peter said, "Man, I don't know what you are talking about!" At once, while Peter was still speaking, a rooster crowed.

Note 2: To be human means fallible, frail, fragile.

Note 3: What was the difference between the eleven disciples who stayed in the boat and Peter who failed? The eleven were suffering from performance anxiety. They were afraid to fail.

Note 4: Sin is not about stumbling and falling. Sin is not about failing. Sin is refusing to call out, "Lord, help me" when we fail.

Note 5: Peter believed that when he sank down in the water, there would be the most incredible life jacket (net) to save him.

*HYMN OF INVITATION

"There Is a Higher Throne" (verses 1 and 2)

See insert

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Yohan Baek

*POSTLUDE

Jeeyoung Baek

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist Brian Gray, Liturgist Rachel Woodburn, Soloist Anna Wicker, Violinist

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children's Church Susan Brock, Claudene Griffith, Robert & Tenny Swonke, Greeters 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!