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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

April 21, 2024 – 10:30 A.M.

“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: “I am going to die and be resurrected, and then go back to heaven.

People: I am not going to be here physically.

L: But I will put my Spirit into your lives

P: Through the Holy Spirit, you can still talk to me.”

God is Spirit. Let us worship God in Spirit and in Truth!

***OPENING HYMN** “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” UMH # 526
(Verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

***OPENING PRAYER** *(In unison)* Liturgist

God is here with us in Spirit, as we offer worship and prayer. God hears our prayers from heaven. In this place, God is constantly speaking to us and listening to us.

God, we kneel in awe, on this your holy day.

God, give us a pure heart, that we may see your face.

God, give us a heart of faith, that we may follow you.

God, our experiences of you are always mysterious! Amen.

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

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Marsha Beckermann

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN** “Spirit of God” TFWS # 2117
(verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

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

"O Lord Your Tenderness"

Choir

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 4:6 & 10

Liturgist

6 "So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached **half its height**, for the people worked with all their heart."

10 Meanwhile the people in Judah said,
"The strength of the laborers is giving out."

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring"

UMH # 644

(verses 1 and 2, interlude between verses)

MESSAGE

"DISCOURAGEMENT IS CURABLE!"

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: "You don't determine a person's greatness by his talent or income or education. You determine his greatness by what it takes to discourage him."

Note 2: James 4:7 "Resist the devil."

Note 3: **When you are physically down,
it is hard to be emotionally and spiritually up.**

Note 4: Nehemiah 13:19

"... I ordered the doors to be shut and not opened until the Sabbath was over."

Note 5: **It is amazing how much better things look, just after a good night's sleep.**

Note 6: **Fatigue came at the midpoint**, when they were half done.
That's when **discouragement sets in.**

Note 7: Psalm 127:2

"God wants His loved ones to get their proper rest."

Note 8: Nehemiah 4:13

"Therefore I station some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families with their swords, their spears and their bows."

Note 9: When you begin to get the feeling of discouragement,

get around people who encourage.

Note 10: Nehemiah 4:14

"After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles and the officials and the rest of the people `Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord who is great and awesome.'"

Note 11: Jonah 2:7

"When I had lost all hope, **I turned my thoughts** once more **to the Lord**.
And my earnest prayer went to you in your holy Temple.

***HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Go In Love"

See Insert

***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

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Brian Gray, Liturgist

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