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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

April 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

“Because He Lives”

UMH # 364

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

Liturgist

O God, our experiences of you are always mysterious! Receive us now, rich in things but poor in soul. Set us on your knee like little children. Hear the humble prayers we make and the songs we sing. O God, Help us in this hour to be so aware of your presence that it will begin a healing process in us. Teach us to seek your face, and renew us for life in your beautiful world. Amen.

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

*CALL TO PRAYER HYMN “Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring”

UMH # 644

(verses 1 – 2; interlude between verses)

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

“Open My Eyes Lord”

Choir

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:19-20, 24-28

Liturgist

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

24Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Hymn of Promise"

UMH # 707

MESSAGE

"When Doubt Dominates Your Life..."

Pastor Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: John 20:19

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

Note 2: John 20:20

After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Note 3: **When doubt and question dominate our lives,
we lose peace with God and peace with ourselves.**

Note 4: John 20:24-25

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Note 5: John 20:24

"Thomas was not with the disciples when Jesus came.

Note 6: **His doubt came from being alone.**

His doubt came from being absent from the disciples.

Note 7: John 20:26

“A week later the disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them.”

John 20:28

“Thomas says to Jesus, My Lord and my God.”

Note 8: **It was in the fellowship of the disciples that Thomas found the trust he needed so desperately.**

Note 9: **When doubt dominates your life, when things seem hopeless, do not separate yourself from other brothers and sisters in Christ.**

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:** “Go in Love”

See Insert

BENEDICTION

Pastor Yohan Baek

***POSTLUDE**

Jeeyoung Baek

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

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