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### **WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10:30 am Traditional**

# First United Methodist Church

*where God meets people face to face!*

January 5, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

**“I will guide you along the BEST PATHWAY for your life!” Psalm 32:8**

*\*For your children, activity bags are available in the foyer.  
Child care is available during the service.*

*(\* Stand, if able.)*

## **MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Liturgist

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *(respond in bold)*

Liturgist: Children of God, we enter the new year as we ended the last:  
gathered together for worship!

**People: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

L: The prophet Isaiah calls to us from deep in the past:

“Arise, shine; for your light has come.”

**P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

L: The magi followed a star to find a small child who is the Light of the world.

**P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light.**

L: So, let us receive the call of Isaiah and follow the example of the magi as we begin this new year turning our faces to God.

**P: We gather to seek, find, and follow the Light today and every day.  
Amen.**

## **\*OPENING HYMN**

“Joy to the World”

UMH # 246

*(verses 1, 2, and 4; interlude between verses 2 and 4)*

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

Liturgist

**Dear God, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Shine your light on the pages of our lives. In the places where we share the dark, everyone looks bright, and everything looks right. We are not anxious to move out of our darkness where we are fooled. In the darkness, our motives are not clear, our ideas are not voiced, and our relationships are not questioned. But when your light shines, everything is like an open window. We see clearly. Help us to move on with you, Light of lights. We praise you and pray in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

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

**\*HYMN**

“We Gather Together”  
*(verses 1 – 3; interlude between 2 and 3)*

UMH # 131

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS, PASTORAL PRAYER**

Rev. Yohan Baek

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

“A Wilderness Wandering People”

Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

**SCRIPTURE READING**

1 Chronicles 29:11

Liturgist

“Everything in the heavens and the earth is Yours, O Lord. We adore You  
as being in control of everything.”

**\*HYMN**

“Spirit of God”  
*(verses 1, 2, and 4)*

TFWS # 2117

**MESSAGE**

“Trying to Control the Uncontrollable”

Rev. Yohan Baek

Note 1: Prayer works, because God is in control.

Note 2: Proverbs 19:21

“Many are the plans in a person’s heart, but it is the LORD’s purpose that prevails.”

Note 3: Proverbs 16:1

“We may make our plans but God has the last word.”

Note 4: Proverbs 16:9

“We should make our plans - counting on God to direct us.”

Note 5: Lord, what do You want me to do?

Note 6: Help me to do what You are blessing.

## **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**

**\*SENDING HYMN**      “God Be With You till We Meet Again”      UMH # 672  
*(verses 1 and 2)*

**\*BENEDICTION**      Rev. Yohan Baek

**\*POSTLUDE**      “Hallelujah Chorus”

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

*TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black hymnal)*

### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Yohan Baek, Pastor

Brian Gray, Liturgist

Jeeyoung Baek, Pianist

Tiffany Charles, Director of Children’s Ministry and Mother’s Day Out

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children’s Church

Bill & Claudene Griffith, Greeters

Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers

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