

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face! March 16, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

We hope that through the songs, prayers, message, and fellowship, you experience the Mystery of God that passes our human understanding.

*For your children, a basket with activities is available in the foyer. Child care is available during the service, following the Children's Moment.

(* Stand, if able.)

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Respond in bold.)

Liturgist: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People: There is a feeling of love here that I need for living.

L: There is a sense of God's presence here that renews my spirit.

P: Let us rejoice in his presence and sing the glories of his name!

*OPENING HYMN

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed"

UMH # 359

(verses 1-3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

*OPENING PRAYER (In unison)

Lord God, though people may turn their backs on us, you do not hide your face from us. Though others may try to take away our hope, you assure us of that future waiting for us. Lord God, when we try to dictate our fears to you, you invite us to follow you into self-denial and service. Lord, as we struggle to shape our lifestyle to yours, you carry us with you wherever we go. You speak your good news, Teacher of open hearts, and it is enough. Lord God, when we stumble over our lack of trust, you set us back on our feet, to follow you into the kingdom. You speak your peace, Breath of Holiness, and it is enough. AMEN.

*SHARING GREETINGS (Please shake hands with someone you don't know.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Yohan Baek

(Our prayer rises to heaven, to the mystery of God's power, as the smoke ascends when the precious incense burns.)

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

"This is My Father's World" Addy Chavana & Alexis Larson **OFFERTORY**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" *DOXOLOGY UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 3:1 Liturgist "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

*HYMN "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH # 128

(verses 1 and 3)

"Missing the Season to Seek Salvation" Rev. Yohan Baek MESSAGE

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: One day before a young man got his life together, a driver missed a brake pedal, and his car went out of control. The car struck the young man, paralyzing his body from the waist down. As he was lying in the hospital bed, he had this this thought: Did I miss the season to seek salvation?"

Note 2: Jeremiah 8: 13 and 20

13: "I will take away their harvest, declares the Lord. There will be no grapes on the vine. There will be no figs on the tree, and their leaves will wither. What I have given them will be taken from them."

20: "The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved."

Note 3: The seasons of a person are childhood, youth, maturity, and old age.

Note 4: In childhood, we are supposed to learn about the Word of God. *Children ages between 5 and 12 are MOST RECEPTIVE to the Word of God. But when they are 13 and over, they are....

Note 5: In youth, we are supposed to learn and experience the love of God. *If they don't learn and experience the love of God, **they try to find love in wrong places**.

Note 6: Ecclesiastes 12:1

"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come..."

Note 7: Hosea 1: 2-9

"When the Lord began to speak through Hosea, the Lord said to him, "Go, marry a promiscuous woman and have children with her...So he married Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call him Jezreel...Gomer conceived again and gave birth to a daughter. Then the Lord said to Hosea, "Call her Lo-Ruhamah (which means "not loved"), for I will no longer show love to Israel, that I should at all forgive them. Yet I will show love to Judah; and I will save them—not by bow, sword or battle, or by horses and horsemen, but I, the Lord their God, will save them." After she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, Gomer had another son. Then the Lord said, "Call him Lo-Ammi (which means "not my people"), for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

Note 8: Hosea 14:8

"I will answer your prayers and take care of them."

*SENDING HYMN

"Go Now In Peace"

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*BENEDICTION

Rev. Yohan Baek

*POSTLUDE

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)