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### **WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION**

10:30 am Traditional

# First United Methodist Church

*where God meets people face to face!*

March 2, 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, 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

### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

UMH # 881

**\*OPENING HYMN**                      “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”  
*(verses 1 - 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)*

UMH # 133

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

**God of miracles, in the holiness of this place, we have come to pray, to worship, and to receive healing and hope. Lord, we come from the triumphs and struggles of the week, needing to feel your soothing presence. Lord, calm and soothe our souls. Lord, reveal to us this day what our eyes look for but cannot see; what our ears hear and cannot understand. Hear our prayer and lead us into fullness of life. AMEN.**

### **\*SHARING GREETINGS**

**\*HYMN**                                      “Trust and Obey”  
*(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)*

UMH # 467

## **SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Rev. Yohan Baek

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**                                      “The Wonder of Grace”

Trevor Gray

**\*DOXOLOGY**                      “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH # 95

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 27

Liturgist

“My dear brothers and sisters, not many of you were wise by human standards. Not many of you were influential. Not many of you came from important families. But **God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.**”

**\*HYMN** “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” (*verses 1 and 2*) UMH # 344

**MESSAGE** “Sometimes, the People of God Do the Strangest Things!”

Rev. Yohan Baek

Note 1: Genesis 12:1

The Lord had said to Abram, “**Go from your country, your people and your father’s household** to the land I will show you.”

Note 2: Exodus 3: 1, 9, 10

One day while Moses was **taking care of the sheep and goats** of his father-in-law Jethro, he led the flock across the desert and came to Sinai, the holy mountain. Then the Lord said, “I have indeed heard the cry of my people, and I see how the Egyptians are oppressing them. Now I am sending you to the king of Egypt so that you can **lead my people out of his country.**”

Note 3: 1 Samuel 17:34

But David said to Saul, “I’ve been **taking care of my father’s sheep.**

1 Chronicles 11:2

And the Lord your God said to you, “You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will **become their ruler.**”

Note 4: Amos 7: 14-15

Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also **took care of sycamore-fig trees.** But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, **prophecy to my people** Israel.’”

Note 5: Matthew 4: 18-22

Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee. He saw two brothers. They were Simon and Andrew, his brother. They were putting a net into the sea for they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, “Follow Me. I will make you fish for men!” At once they **left their nets and followed Him.** Going from there, Jesus saw two other brothers. They were James and John, the sons of Zebedee. They were sitting in a boat with their father, mending their nets. Jesus called them. At once they **left the boat** and their father and **followed Jesus.**

Note 6: Jeremiah 32: 2-3, 6-8, 15

“At that time the army of the king of **Babylon was surrounding Jerusalem.** Jeremiah the prophet was under arrest in the courtyard of the guard, which was at the palace of the king of Judah. Zedekiah king of Judah had put Jeremiah in prison there. Zedekiah had asked, “Why have you prophesied the things you have?” Jeremiah had said, “This is what the Lord says: ‘I will soon hand the city of Jerusalem over to the king of Babylon, and he will capture it. While Jeremiah was in prison, he said, “The Lord spoke this word to me: Your cousin Hanamel, will come to you soon. Hanamel will say to you, ‘Jeremiah, you are my nearest relative, so buy my field near the town of Anathoth. It is your right and your duty to buy that field.’ “Then it happened just as the Lord had said. My cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said to me, ‘**Buy for yourself my field** near Anathoth in the land of Benjamin. It is your right and duty to buy it and own it.’ So I knew this was a message from the Lord. This is what the Lord All-Powerful, the God of Israel, says: ‘**In the future my people will once again buy houses and fields for grain and vineyards in the land of Israel.**””

### **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 you love.**

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**

“Go Now in Peace”

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**\*BENEDICTION**

Rev. Yohan Baek

**\*POSTLUDE**

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