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WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

March 23, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

Third Sunday of Lent

**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: "Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Six days you shall labor and do all your work."

**People: Teach us, O God, the rhythms of life. Show us the difference
between the things that must be done and the things that we
just want to do. Teach us how to rest!**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Spirit of God"

TFWS # 2117

(verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

***OPENING PRAYER (The Serenity Prayer)** *(In unison)*

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the
difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as you did, this
sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that you will make
all things right if I surrender to your Will; that I may be reasonably
happy in this life and supremely happy with you forever in the next.
Amen.**

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Tiffany Charles

***CALL TO PRAYER HYMN**

"Kum Ba Yah"

UMH # 496

(verses 1 – 4)

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

OFFERTORY

"A Wilderness Wandering People"

Choir

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH # 95

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4: 8 - 13

Liturgist

"But many of those who had heard Peter and John preach believed the things they said. **There were now about five thousand in the group of believers.** The next day the rulers, the elders, and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. They made Peter and John stand before them and then asked them, **"By what power or authority did you do this?"**

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of our people, are we being questioned today because we've done a good deed for a crippled man? Do you want to know how he was healed? Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, **the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.** For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.' Jesus is the only One who can save people. No one else in the world is able to save us." The members of the council were amazed when they saw **the boldness of Peter** and John. And they understood that these men **had no special training or education.**"

*HYMN

"I Surrender All"

UMH # 354

(verses 1, 3, and 4; interlude between verses 3 and 4)

MESSAGE

"What Made Peter a Different Person?"

Rev. Yohan Baek

SERMON NOTES

Note 1: John 18:15-17

"Simon Peter and another disciple were following Jesus. Because this disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the high priest's courtyard, but Peter had to wait outside at the door. The other disciple, who was known to the high priest, came back, spoke to the servant girl on duty there and brought Peter in. "You aren't one of this man's disciples too, are you?" she asked Peter. He replied, "I am not."

Note 2: Acts 4: 10, 12, and 13

"...the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead. Jesus is the only One who can save people. No one else in the world is able to save us." The members of the council were amazed when they saw **the boldness of Peter...."**

Note 3: Acts 4:8

“Then Peter, **filled with the Holy Spirit**, said to them.”

Note 4: It was not until I met the Holy Spirit that my Christian life really took off and began to soar.

Note 5: John 3:8

“The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.”

Note 6: Acts 1:8

“...when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power.”

2 Timothy 1:7

“The Holy Spirit gives us power. Stir up this inner power.”

Note 7: Romans 8:11

“...he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his **Spirit who lives in you**.

1 Corinthians 6:19

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you?”

Note 8: Some of you feel like you are trying to do it all on your own.

You just feel empty right now. You feel like you are never going to get past your own limits.

Note 9: Matthew 7:7

“Ask and it will be given to you...”

Note 10: James 4:8

“**Say a quiet yes to God** and he’ll be there in no time. Quit dabbling in sin. **Purify your inner life**. Quit playing the field.”

Note 11: This passage is talking about **yielding or surrendering to God**.

Note 12: Let go of the controls and worries that have been overwhelming you.

Note 13: Yielding, surrendering, or letting go is not a one-time thing.

It is a moment by moment thing.

***SENDING HYMN**

“Go Now In Peace”

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***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Yohan Baek

***POSTLUDE**

UMH (The United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

TFWS (The Faith We Sing – black hymnal)