



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

907 West Lake Drive, PO Box 530, Taylor, Texas 76574

512-352-2593 office @fumctaylor.org

For updates sent via text message: please text @fumctaylor to number 81010

fumctaylor.org

www.facebook.com/fumctaylor

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:30 am Traditional

First United Methodist Church

where God meets people face to face!

May 4, 2025 – 10:30 A.M.

Third Sunday of Easter

**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.

(Stand, if able.)*

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”
(verse 1)

UMH # 64

*THE APOSTLES’ CREED

UMH # 881

*OPENING PRAYER *(In unison)*

**We praise you, Lord, God. As we continue our Easter celebration and
work our way toward Pentecost. We still struggle to understand
Christ’s Resurrection, but daily receive reminders of His love and
grace. May we in our worship today again recognize Jesus in the
breaking of bread. Amen.**

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

*HYMN

“Easter People, Raise Your Voices”
(verses 1 – 3; interlude between verses 2 and 3)

UMH # 304

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. John Clifford

*(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

“There Is a Higher Throne”

Choir

SCRIPTURE READING

John 21:1-19

Liturgist

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

MESSAGE

“Back to the Future”

Rev. John Clifford

***HYMN**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

UMH # 618

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

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Respond in bold)*

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

M: It is right, and a good and joyful thing always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

M: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

***SENDING HYMN**

“He Lives”

UMH # 310

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

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. John Clifford

***POSTLUDE**

Rachel Woodburn

UMH (United Methodist Hymnal – red hymnal)

Sermon Notes:

1. How often and easily do we revert to our old habits? “We always did it that way!”
2. How do we respond to Jesus’ question “You haven’t caught anything, have you?” Can we confess to ourselves that something is missing in our lives.
3. Jesus is recognized in “breaking bread.” He is always eating with others. Do we see Jesus whenever we eat with company?

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. John Clifford, Interim Pastor

Claudene Griffith, Liturgist

Rachel Woodburn, Pianist

Marsha Beckermann, Communion Server

Josh and Felicia Graves, Videography and Online Church

Julia Coward, Nursery Director & Children’s Church

Robert Swonke, Kristi and Frank Chavana, Greeters

Jim Curik and Glynn Tucker, Ushers

CCLI Copyright License 20143302

CCLI Streaming License 20143319

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

We are the happiest church in Taylor, Texas!

Are You Connected?

Follow us on Facebook..... facebook.com/fumctaylor

Join our Facebook group

Join our REMIND group for updates.....text @fumctaylor to 81010

Sign up for our E-newsletter, the Connexion, by visiting our website:
fumctaylor.org/resources/newsletter. Click on the latest E-News and hit the
“subscribe” button in the top, left corner of the newsletter.