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## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

January 29, 2012 • 10:30 a.m. • Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Joseph Kim

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“As we enter this holy place, we come in awe and silence.”

Welcome to First United Methodist Church. We hope your worship experience here this morning is a truly meaningful one for you. Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as a nursery for infants and toddlers are available. Please ask an usher. If you are a guest, please sign our guestbook in the Narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please speak to Pastor Joe following this service. Thank you.

### ***The Opening***

#### **Church Chimes**

**Greetings, Announcements, Passing of the Peace** *(Please sign the attendance pad found at the pew near the center aisle, and pass it on down the row, noting the names of those worshipping near you as it is returned to the center aisle.)*

#### **Prelude**

“Open My Eyes”

Thygerson

*(Making the transition from getting to worship to being in worship, we use the music of the Prelude to draw us into God’s abiding presence.)*

#### **Lighting of the Altar & Peace Candles**

Acolytes

#### **Introit**

“Make Me a Servant”

Chancel Choir

#### **\*Call to Worship (Responsive Reading)**

Liturgist

**Leader:** Great are the works of God, and greatly to be praised.  
God’s righteousness endures forever.

**People:** **We come together as a congregation of believers.**  
**We give thanks to God with whole hearts.**

**Leader:** Awe before God is the beginning of wisdom.  
All who approach God in fear have good understanding.

**People:** **Holy and awesome is God’s name.**  
**We call on God to empower our worship.**

#### **\*Hymn of Praise**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Red Hymnal 189

#### **\*Opening Prayer**

Liturgist

**Leader:** O God, hear us as we pray:

**People:** **God of the prophets, help us to recognize your voice among the competing claims of our day. Raise up in our midst authentic witnesses to your truth. Be present with us now to guide our prayers and praise. Let us not presume to know your message without careful listening or to speak your word without discerning the Spirit. Light your fires within us so we may heed your summons and give our best in your service. In Jesus’ name. Amen. Amen.**

\* Invites those who are able to stand.

## ***Call to Confession***

Liturgist

Leader: We are called to confession if we have distorted God's word, knowingly or unknowingly. We are invited to repent if our freedom in Christ has led others astray. We join in prayer together because the church is not yet the perfect body of Christ. Let us seek God's forgiveness.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession**

Liturgist

**People: Faithful God, we have claimed to have more knowledge than we really possess. We have presumed to judge others on the basis of our limited understanding. We have grasped for freedom without taking full responsibility for our actions. Our witness is weak, and is directed primarily toward those with whom we prefer to associate. By our actions, some of our sisters and brothers are excluded, some are misled, and some are unjustly accused. If we have violated another's conscience, if we have caused someone to fall, we are deeply sorry. For failing to do all Christ expects of the church, we repent and seek your forgiveness. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor Joe

### **Prayer Response**

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"

Red Hymnal 176

## ***The Message***

### **Children's Message**

Pastor Joe

*(Please sing verse one of "Jesus Loves Me" - Red Hymnal 191 while the children come forward)*

### **Anthem**

"Dona Nobis Pacem"

Chancel Choir

*The Anthem is given to the Glory of God & in memory of Dick Dystrup by the Dystrup Family*

### **Prayer for the Reading and Proclamation of the Word**

Liturgist

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

### **Old Testament Lesson**

Joshua 3:1-6, 13, OT pg. 186

Liturgist

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Praise Song**

"Holy Ground"

Black Hymnal 2272

**The Sermon "So That You May Know the Way You Should Go" Rev. Joseph Kim**

## ***The Prayers of the Church***

**The Pastoral Prayer • The Lord's Prayer:**

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ***The Offering of Our Gifts to God***

### **Offertory Invitation**

Pastor: An important way to give thanks to God is through sharing the bounty we have been honored to receive. We can never do enough to earn God's generous blessings. We can only express our gratitude by passing on our gifts. It is a privilege to be able to give.

### **Offertory Music**

"Higher Ground"

Scott

### **\*Praise to God (Doxology)**

Red Hymnal 94

### **\*Offertory Prayer**

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: By giving away some of the wealth we cherish so much, we keep ourselves focused on who you are, gracious God, and on what you expect of us. As the body of Christ, we seek to be a healing force in our world. May the offerings we present be used in ways that encourage healthful behaviors among us in the church, within our community, and as far as our influence can reach. Receive us and our gifts, we pray. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn of Commitment**

"Because He Lives"

Red Hymnal 364

### **\*The Benediction**

Pastor Joe

### **\*Postlude**

"Processional"

Smith



***Please join us for the Fifth Sunday Potluck downstairs in Yeoman Hall following the service.***

***TODAY — Fifth Sunday Potluck; Fifth Sunday Appeal for United Voices for Children***

***NEXT SUNDAY — FISH Pantry collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion; United Methodist Men's Breakfast; Coffee Hour***

***ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY: Liturgist: Caryn Burek***

***Greeters: The Bowlan Family***

***Acolytes: Ushers***

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