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** indicates standing as you are able*

TFWS indicates the black hymnal, UMH indicates the red hymnal.

Bed Rock Beliefs Input

Our all church retreat began work on identifying our Bed Rock Beliefs. Church Council would like your input. Check, circle or underline those things you strongly agree with and add those you think were missed and any other thoughts you would like us to know. They will become a part of the final version.

1. God loves us and calls us to love one another in Christ.
2. God is always with us.
3. God is worthy of our worship and praise.
4. God's grace is free.
5. God helps us grow to be more like Jesus.
6. God meets us in prayer.
7. God can bring good out of difficult circumstance.
8. Jesus promises us eternal life.
9. We are gifted by the Spirit for the work of ministry.
10. When we serve others we serve Christ.

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*The vision of First United Methodist Church is to be a Vibrant,
Diverse, Christ-Centered People.*

Order of Worship to the Glory of God

Sixth Sunday after The Epiphany/Black History Month

9:00 am

"Suffering makes us better than we ever intended to be" Abbe

Prelude "I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing" *Anita Blueford, pianist*

*Songs of Praise

"You Are Holy"

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

Welcome and Announcements

*Greeting One Another with the Love of Christ

*Song of Praise

"You Are My All in All"

UMH 733

Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, by your grace we have known grace, and by your love have we known love; forgive our forgetfulness that leads us to stray from the truth of your love for us and wander off, far from your saving presence. Lead us to worship you in holiness, for you are our God, and worthy of our praise, you are our rock in whom we trust, through Christ our Lord. Amen

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The Epistle I Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be the God

Anthem "Love of the Ages"

Good News for Young Hearts *Anne Stagner*

*Gospel Acclamation "Blest Are They" vs.1-3 TFWS 2155

*The Gospel Luke 4: 21-30

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you Lord Christ

*Gospel Acclamation "Blest Are They" vs. 4-5 TFWS 2155

Sermon "Blessed Anyway" *Rev. Linda Farmer-Lewis*

The Offering
Offertory "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

*Doxology UMH 95

* Prayer of Dedication
Gracious Lord, receive our gifts, receive our blessings, receive even our suffering, that in all we may know your grace, in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Church at Prayer
Prayer Hymn "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" TFWS 2195
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

*Sending Hymn "Day By Day"

*Benediction

Postlude "Lift Every Voice and Sing"