SERVICE OF THE WORD FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus | Traditional Service April 28, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE O Worship the King arr. by Joel Raney

*CALL TO WORSHIP Majesty, Worship His Majesty UMH 176

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

*WELCOME Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*HYMN OF WELCOME All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name UMH 155

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at your feet, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him and crown him Lord of all.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Walk to Emmaus & Missions Update Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Hallelujah! Resurrection Day Larry Shackley
Sanctuary Choir

Come, see the place where Jesus lay, angels have rolled the stone away!

Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!

Tell me, O death, where is your sting? You cannot hold the risen King!
Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!
Down to the tomb the Savior had gone,
but Sunday morning there came a new dawn.

God's mighty angel, at break of day, came to the gravestone and rolled it away.

Come, see the place where Jesus lay, angels have rolled the stone away!

Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!

Tell me, O death, where is your sting? You cannot hold the risen King! Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!

The angel told Mary, "Mary, shake off your fear! Jesus is risen. He is not here! Tell his disciples he's no longer dead. Just as he promised, just as he said."

He arose a victor from the dark domain,

and he lives forever with his saints to reign.

Come, see the place where Jesus lay, Angels have rolled the stone away! Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!

Tell me, O death, where is your sting? You cannot hold the risen King!
Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!

*OFFERING RESPONSE Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE)

Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

one UMH 306

ANTIPHON: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;

the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions hath dispersed; let shouts holy joy outburst: Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped; he rises glorious from the dead; all glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee, from death's dread sting thy servants free, that we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!

ANTIPHON: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*SCRIPTURE John 21:1-14 Rev. Lance Richards

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Finding Jesus Wherever You Wander Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

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.

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR

Rev. Lance Richards

*HYMN OF BLESSING

Christ is Alive!

UMH 318

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die. Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE He Lives (Refrain) UMH 310

Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

POSTLUDE Toccata on "Thy Strong Word" by Benjamin Culli

*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given by Sandra Miller in memory of her husband Charles Miller.

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