

*SENDING FORTH

Rev. John Onstott

*SUNG RESPONSE

For All the Saints

R. Vaughan Williams

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565

J. S. Bach

Jay Whatley, Organist

* Please stand, as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of the pastoral staff of First Methodist Houston in appreciation for their loving service to our congregation.

ACOLYTES

8:45: Amanda Corbitt and Robert Douglas
11:00: Lee Abshire

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VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today and have questions about our church, text 281.667.1110.

HOSPITAL LIST

If you know of a church member, or anyone else who is hospitalized, that would like a visit from one of our clergy members, please call 832.668.1800.

CLERGY ON CALL

If you need to speak with a pastor, please call 832-668-1800 and select option 7. Your call will be returned promptly.

- Service of Communion and Healing in the Chapel, 12:05 p.m.
- Assisted Listening Devices are available from the sound console.
- iPads, tablets and cell phones are welcome! Take notes and text points from the message to your friends. Just put your device on "silent."

Welcome Guests!

Thank you for joining us in worship today.
We are glad you're here!

We invite you to come to the front of the Sanctuary after worship to meet some of our staff.

VISITING WITH INFANTS? The Nursery is located on the 1st Floor with excellent, loving care for infants to Kindergarten. The Baby Soothing Room is located just inside the Main Street entrance to the Sanctuary. Room 101 in the First Floor nursery is available for nursing moms.

Kids Church is held for children in 1st - 4th Grade in the 2nd Floor gathering area and for 5th - 6th Grade in Room 214 during the 11:00 am worship service. Kids Church does not meet on the first Sunday of the month so that families can receive Communion together.

To learn more about our Small Group Ministry please contact Ken Coneby, kconey@fmhouston.com or 281.773.3195.

To get connected with our Young Adult Ministry please contact Rev. Kaitlyn Bowie Hankins, kbowie@fmhouston.com or 281.838.2133, or Ken Coneby, kconey@fmhouston.com or 281.773.3195.

If you are going through a hard time, you never have to go through it alone. Call the Stephen Ministry line at 713.458.4709, leave a message, and a Stephen leader will call you back.

SUNDAYS

- Worship: 8:45, 11:00 & 11:11 am
- Sunday Bible Studies for all ages: 9:50 am
- ESL (Room LL-9): 9:00 am
- Communion & Healing (Bintliff Chapel): 12:05 pm

WATCH US ON TV

We are on live television Sundays at 11:00 am on KUBE-TV, channel 53 (Comcast) and channel 653 (Comcast HD). Dish and DirectTV subscribers will find us on channel 57. Channel 13 (KTRK) broadcasts our service at 5:00 am, delayed by one week. Our radio program, First Methodist Today, is broadcast on KHCB (105.7 FM) at 8:00 pm every Sunday. The service is also available through live streaming at www.fmhouston.com/live-streaming.

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MORNING WORSHIP
October 30, 2016
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
All Saints Sunday

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River* Joel Raney
Sharon Goldsberry, Pianist; Jay Whatley, Organist

INTROIT *The Awakening* Joseph Martin
Sanctuary Choir arr. Robert Douglas
Dr. Terry Morris, Director of Music

THE GATHERING Rev. Andy Nixon

*GREETING

*HYMN *For All the Saints* R. Vaughan Williams

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight,
Thou, in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYERS FOR THE SAINTS Brant Wallace

SUNG RESPONSE *The Church's One Foundation* #545
**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Ann Spears

THE WORD IN SONG *Saints Bound for Heaven* arr. Mack Wilberg
Sanctuary Choir

*Our bondage it shall end by and by.
From Egypt's yoke set free, hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we'll return by and by.
Our deliverer He shall come by and by.
And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten,
And vast glory crown the day by and by.
And when to Jordan's floods we are come,*

*Jehovah rules the tide and the waters He'll divide,
And the ransomed host shall shout,
"We are come, we are come,"
Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice.
Shouting glory to our King, till the vaults of heaven ring,
And through all eternity we'll rejoice.*

*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE
Romans 13:1-2 Page 152, N.T. Pew Bible
This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Rev. Andy Nixon
*Politics:
Authority Established by God*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN *When the Saints Go Marching In* John Rutter
Jeffrey Adams, Clarinet
Choir Only

Glory, glory hallelujah! The Lord goes marching on.

Congregation

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.**

**And when the revelation comes,
And when the revelation comes:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the revelation comes.**

**Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh, when the new world is revealed:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the new world is revealed.**

**Oh, when they gather round the throne,
Oh, when they gather round the throne:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When they gather round the throne.**

Choir Only

*Hallelujah, brothers, hallelujah, sisters!
Hear the music going round and around.
While the saints go marching up into glory,
Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound!*

Congregation

**And when they crown Him King of Kings,
And when they crown Him King of Kings:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When they crown Him King of Kings.**

Choir Only

*And when the sun no more will shine,
And when the sun no more will shine:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the sun no more will shine.*

*And when the moon has turned to blood,
And when the moon has turned to blood:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the moon has turned to blood.*

Congregation

**And on that hallelujah day,
And on that hallelujah day:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
On that hallelujah day.**

**Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.**

*FAITHFUL GIVING Lisa Sampson

THE WORD IN SONG *Shall We Gather at the River?* arr. John Carter
Sanctuary Choir

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.
Deep river, my home is over Jordan,
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will end.
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the
river that flows by the throne of God.*

INVITATION Rev. Andy Nixon

*HYMN *Forward Through the Ages* #555

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine;
Gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
Manifold the service, one the sure reward.**

Refrain

**Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
Move the faithful spirits at the call divine.**

**Wider grows the kingdom, reign of love and light;
For it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
Poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.**

Repeat Refrain

**Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall;
In each loss or triumph lose or triumph all.
Bound by God's far purpose in one living whole,
Move we on together to the shining goal.**

Repeat Refrain