

MORNING WORSHIP

May 29, 2016, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

"I thank my God every time I remember you."

Philippians 1:3

PRELUDE

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

arr. Joel Raney

Sharon Goldsberry, Pianist; Jay Whatley, Organist

INTROIT

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arr. Joel Raney

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Terry Morris, Director of Music

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light, the light of day.

WELCOME

Rev. Ann Spears

*HYMN

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Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Dr. Brant Wallace

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic[†] church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

[†]Apostolic and Universal

THE WORD IN SONG

Mansions of the Lord

arr. Benjamin Harlan

Sanctuary Choir

To fallen soldiers let us sing, where no rockets fly nor bullets wing;
Our broken brothers let us bring to the mansions of the Lord.
No more bleeding, no more fight, no prayers pleading through the night;
Just divine embrace, eternal light in the mansions of the Lord.

Where no mothers cry and no children weep,
We will stand and guard though the angels sleep;
All through the ages safely keep, the mansions of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR PASTOR

Rev. Andy Noel

Central South District Superintendent

The Lord be with you! And also with you!

PRAYER RESPONSE	<i>I Need Thee Every Hour</i>	#397
Sanctuary Choir		
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Rev. Ann Spears	
Special Presentations	John Esquivel <i>Lay Leader</i>	
	Miles Keifer <i>PPR</i>	
Children's Moment	Cole Harrison	
*HYMN	<i>I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath</i>	#60
I'll praise my Maker while I've breath; And when my voice is lost in death, Praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, While life, and thought, and being last, Or immortality endures.		
Happy are they whose hopes rely On Israel's God, who made the sky And earth and seas, with all their train; Whose truth for ever stands secure, Who saves th'oppressed and feeds the poor, For none shall find God's promise vain.		
The Lord pours eyesight on the blind; The Lord supports the fainting mind And sends the laboring conscience peace. God helps the stranger in distress, The widow and the fatherless, And grants the prisoner sweet release.		
I'll praise my God who lends me breath; And when my voice is lost in death, Praise shall employ my nobler powers. My days of praise shall ne'er be past, While life, and thought, and being last, Or immortality endures.		
*FAITHFUL GIVING	Kristen Jones <i>Director of Missions</i>	
THE WORD IN SONG	<i>O Clap Your Hands</i> Text from Psalm 47. Sanctuary Choir	R. Vaughan Williams
<i>O, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the Lord most high is terrible; He is a great King over all the earth. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises to our King, Sing praises for God is the King of all the earth; Sing ye praises, everyone that hath understanding. God reigneth over the heathen, God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness. Sing praises unto our King.</i>		
*THE WORD IN SCRIPTURE	#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!		
Rev. John Onstott Page 185, N.T. Pew Bible		
Philippians 1:3-5 This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!		

MESSAGE

Celebrating the Body of Christ:

I Thank God For You

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace.

Streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;

Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Choir Only

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’m come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Choir Only

Seal it for Thy courts above.

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Charles Thompson

Special Presentations

Rick Files

Choir President

Richard & Gloria Stamper

*SUNG RESPONSE

Blessing

Katie Moran Bart

May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back,

May the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rains fall soft upon your fields.

Until we meet again, my friend, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

POSTLUDE

Toccata, from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

Jay Whatley, Organist

* Please stand, as you are able.

The green baton on the altar symbolizes the transition that First Methodist Houston is undergoing with the departure of Dr. Steve Wende and the arrival of Pastor Andy Nixon.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE	
June 5: Dr. J.D. Phillips	June 19: Rev. John Onstott
June 12: Rev. Ann Spears	June 26: Dr. Brant Wallace

A NOTE FROM ALLEN HOUK, DIRECTOR OF FUND DEVELOPMENT
If you have not received a copy of the Annual Report of the First Methodist Houston Foundation we have a supply in Hidden Treasure’s store. Drop by and get a copy of this interesting and important report.

TODAY’S MUSIC

The instrumental ensemble today was provided by George H. Lewis & Sons for First Methodist Houston on the occasion of the retirement of Dr. Steve Wende. The hymns and special music were chosen because they are among Dr. Wende’s favorites.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Steve Wende, by the staff of First Methodist Houston.

NEW MEMBER

Jacquenetta Armstead

ACOLYTES

8:45

Lindsey Harris, Jr.
Austin Ishee

11:00

Caleb McClure
Sam Montgomery

ENSEMBLE

Trumpet	Trombone	Tuba	Percussion
Theresa Hanebury	Brian Logan	Mark Barton	Christina Carroll
Jason Adams	Jeff Campbell	Timpani	
Russell Haehl	Rick Reeves	Lovie Smith-Wright	

CLERGY ON-CALL

Rev. Kaitlyn Bowie Hankins, 832-668-1800, option 7

- *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.”*

