

MORNING WORSHIP

May 8, 2016

11:00 a.m.

Mother's Day

"Teach these words to your children..."
Deuteronomy 6:7

PRELUDE *Improvisation on DIX:
For the Beauty of the Earth* Peter C. Lutkin
Jay Whatley, Organist

INTROIT *All That Hath Life and Breath* René Clausen
Sanctuary Choir
Dr. Terry Morris, Director of Music

*THE GATHERING Rev. Ann Spears

*GREETING

*HYMN *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #154
**All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all.
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And crown Him Lord of all.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Jennifer McClure
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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir
*For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love from which our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
For each perfect gift of Thine to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. John Onstott
The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER RESPONSE *I Need Thee Every Hour* #397
Sanctuary Choir

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Dr. Steve Wende

*HYMN *Happy the Home When God is There* #445
**Happy the home when God is there,
And love fills every breast;
When one their wish, and one their prayer,
And one their heavenly rest.**
**Happy the home where Jesus' name
Is sweet to every ear;
Where children early speak His fame,
And parents hold Him dear.**
**Happy the home where prayer is heard,
And praise is wont to rise;
Where parents love the sacred Word
And all its wisdom prize.**

**Lord, let us in our homes agree
This blessed peace to gain;
Unite our hearts in love to Thee,
And love to all will reign.**

*FAITHFUL GIVING Rev. Charles Thompson

THE WORD IN SONG *Shout to God* Joseph M. Martin
Sanctuary Choir
*Shout to God, sing a loud hosanna. Shout to God with a song of joy.
Shout to God, sing a loud hosanna. Glory to God!
Come sing to God a song of joy. Sing unto God, sing a loud hosanna.
Praise the Lord with the trumpet. Praise the Lord with a shout.
Praise ye the Lord with the crashing cymbals.
Praise ye the Lord, amen.
Praise the Lord with loud hosannas. Praise the Lord, sing alleluia.
Sing unto God, sing a loud hosanna.
Shout to God with a song of joy. Shout to God, sing a loud hosanna.
Glory to God!
Come sing a loud hosanna. Sing unto God, sing a loud hosanna.
Come sing and shout to God!*

*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!**

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 Allen Houk
Page 157, O.T. Pew Bible *Director of Fund Development*
This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Dr. Steve & Karin Wende
*Celebrating the Body of Christ:
Hope For The Home*

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

*HYMN *Jesus Shall Reign* #157
**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**
**People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen!**

*SENDING FORTH Candice Davis
Director of Children and Family Ministries

*SUNG RESPONSE *Lift High the Cross* #159
Refrain
**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

POSTLUDE *Epilogue on DIX* William H. Harris
For the Beauty of the Earth
Jay Whatley, Organist

* *Please stand, as you are able.*

NEW MEMBERS

Derek and Amy Adams
Stephanie Dunlap
Yamileika (“Yami”) Gonzalez-Van Nest
Erika Ibarguen
Trinidad Miko

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Bonnie Louise Nobles, by her children, Wally, Bonnie and Sandra.

ACOLYTE

Colin Covington

CLERGY ON-CALL

Rev. Ann Spears, 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.”*

THE BATON ON THE ALTAR

A relay race is run by sprinters who each cover one section of a track. When one runner is about to complete their section, they will pass a baton to the next runner. Even though they run different sections of a race, the goal of a team is the same: to cross the finish line and win the race. 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. Both of them can say with Paul, “My only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.” (Acts 20:24)