

MORNING WORSHIP
June 26, 2016
11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Mysterium and Tremendum* Kenneth Logan
 on *CWM RHONDDA*
 Jay Whatley, Organist

INTROIT *I Will Sing Unto the Lord* John Ness Beck
 Sanctuary Choir
 Cynthia Douglas, Choir Director

*THE GATHERING Rev. John Onstott

*GREETING

*HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* #158

Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore:
"Alleluia! Amen!"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Helen and Will Maddux
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 *How Great Is Our God* Tomlin, Reeves & Cash
 Benjamin Brown, soloist

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Alex Scheel
 The Lord be with you! **And also with you!**

PRAYER RESPONSE *Here I Am, Lord* #593
 Sanctuary Choir

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Ann Spears

*HYMN *His Eye is on the Sparrow*

Why should I feel discouraged,
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He:

Refrain

His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.
I sing because I'm happy, (I'm happy),
I sing because I'm free, (I'm free),
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled,"
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth
But one step I may see:

Repeat Refrain

Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When song gives place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free:

Repeat Refrain

*FAITHFUL GIVING Dr. Richard Jenkins

THE WORD IN SONG *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Dan Forrest
 Sanctuary Choir

God of grace and God of glory, on Your people pour Your power.
Crown Your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn our Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.
Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You Whom we adore.

*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!

Luke 7:12-16 Alison Wallace
 Page 61, N.T. Pew Bible
 This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Brant Wallace
 Celebrating the Body of Christ:
 Outflow of Overflow

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

*HYMN *Amazing Grace* arr. Mack Wilberg

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease;
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun;
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.**

Choir Only

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

*SENDING FORTH Rev. Charles Thompson

*SUNG RESPONSE *On Eagles' Wings* #143
**And God will raise you up on eagles' wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

POSTLUDE *Quodlibet on RIGAUDON* arr. Susan Caudill
and *SPANISH HYMN*
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.

Thanks to the generosity of Ruth and Dick Palmer, we have 12 new assisted listening devices! If you need help using them, please ask an usher or someone at the Sound Booth.

NEW MEMBERS

Adlonia Broussard Daniel & Mary Ellen Coombs

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory
of Kim Miller Griffin, by her mother, Sandi Miller.

ACOLYTES

Lindsey Harris, Jr. Austin Ishee

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."*