

SERVICE OF THE WORD | FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
 First Houston United Methodist Church  
 February 8, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE I've Got Peace Like a River arr. Hayes & Gaspard  
 and Go Down Moses  
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\*CALL TO WORSHIP Lift Every Voice and Sing v. 1 UMH 519  
 Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
 Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
 Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
 Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
 Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
 Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
 Facing the rising sun of our new day begun.  
 Let us march on till victory is won.

\*WELCOME Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

\*HYMN OF WELCOME O Worship the King vs. 1, 2, 5 UMH 73  
 O worship the King, all glorious above,  
 O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
 Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
 Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
 Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
 And dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881  
 Ed Gibson IV

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.

\*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.

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Praise to the Lord F. Melius Christiansen  
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Sanctuary Choir  
 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.  
 O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
 All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!  
 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend Thee;  
 Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend Thee.  
 Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, if with his love He befriend thee.  
 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
 Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him!

\*THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 95  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

TIME FOR CHILDREN Courtney Hutchins

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION My Hope is Built vs. 1-3 UMH 368

My hope is built on nothing less  
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
 Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
 All other ground is sinking sand;  
 All other ground is sinking sand.

When Darkness veils His lovely face,  
 I rest on his unchanging grace.  
 In every high and stormy gale,  
 My anchor holds within the veil.

Repeat Refrain

His oath, His covenant, His blood  
 Support me in the whelming flood.  
 When all around my soul gives way,  
 He then is all my hope and stay.

Repeat Refrain

\*SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:22-33 Rev. Amanda Davis  
 The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Between the Shore and the Storm Rev. Amanda Davis

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) UMH 895

Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick  
 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. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

\*HYMN OF BLESSING Jesus Calls Us vs. 1, 2, 3

UMH 398

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
 Of our life's wild, restless sea;  
 Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,  
 Saying, "Christian, follow me!"

As of old the apostles heard it  
 By the Galilean lake,  
 Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
 Leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
 Of the vain world's golden store,  
 From each idol that would keep us,  
 Saying, "Christian, love me more!"

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Jesus Calls Us vs. 5

UMH 398

Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies,  
 Savior, may we hear Thy call,  
 Give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
 Serve and love Thee best of all.

POSTLUDE Finale from the Fourth Organ Symphony

C. M. Widor

\*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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