

SERVICE OF THE WORD NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST		
First United Methodist Church of Houston		
August 10, 2025 11:00 a.m.		
PRELUDE	Prelude on HYFRYDOL Copyright 1995,Curb Word Music	<i>arr. Hayes & Gaspard</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Majesty, Worship His Majesty	UMH 176
Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise. So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King. Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.		
*WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Come, Christians, Join to Sing	UMH 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	The Apostles' Creed	UMH 881
Charlotte Newton		
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. Steven Newcomb
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Ushers & Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	All Because of the Wonderful Cross Copyright 2015, Lindsborg Press Sanctuary Choir	<i>Mary McDonald</i>
When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count for loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.		

On Calvary, he died on a tree. For me, he paid the cost. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown? On Calvary, he died on a tree. For me, he paid the cost. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross, the wonderful cross!		
*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		Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick, Rev. Sylvia Kiboko, & Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	This Little Light of Mine	
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine (let it shine). Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine (let it shine). All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine, All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine; All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine, Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine (let it shine).		
*SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:13-16	Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
MESSAGE	Christianity 101: Don't Try To Be What You Already Are	Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)		UMH 895
Rev. Amanda Davis		
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	Trust in God	UMH 733
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Verse 1: Blessed assurance Jesus is mine He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time Born of His Spirit Washed in His blood And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough		
Chorus: I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail, He will never fail (repeat chorus)		

Verse 2: Perfect submission all is at rest I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps So this is my story and this is my song I'm praising my risen King and Savior All the day long		
Chorus: I trust in God my Savior The One who will never fail, He will never fail (repeat chorus)		
Bridge: I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered That's why I trust Him that's why I trust Him <i>(repeat bridge, repeat chorus, repeat bridge 3 times; repeat chorus twice)</i>		
STEP FORWARD IN FAITH		Rev. Amanda Davis & Rev. Steven Newcomb
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee, v. 2	UMH 430
Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.		
POSTLUDE	Toccata on HYFRYDOL Copyright 2020, Hope Publishing Company	<i>Joel Raney</i>
*Please stand as you are able.		
ALTAR FLOWERS		
The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Tom Speed by his family.		
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