

SERVICE OF THE WORD SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST First United Methodist Church of Houston July 20, 2025 11:00 a.m.		
PRELUDE	Wonderful Words of Life 2003 Hope Publishing Company	arr. Joel Raney
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Revive Us Again, v. 1 (PD)	CCLI Song #28232
We praise Thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above. Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.		
*WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Victory in Jesus	UMH 370
I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sins and won the victory.		
Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior, forever. He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood; he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him, he plunged me to victory, beneath the cleansing flood.		
I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing. how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. (Repeat Refrain)		
I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory. and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. (Repeat Refrain)		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	UMH 881 Anna Kargbo
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. Amanda Davis
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Ushers & Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Down to the River to Pray Copyright 2009, 2010, Oxford University Press Sanctuary Choir	arr. Mack Wilberg
As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way. O, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down, O, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way		

and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way! O, brothers, let's go down, let's go down, come on down, O, brothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. O, fathers let's go down, let's go down, come on down, O, mothers, let's go down, down to the river to pray. As I went down to the river to pray, studying about that good old way and who shall wear the robe and crown. Good Lord, show me the way! O, sinners, let's go down, come on down, come on down, O, sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray. O, sinners, let's go down, come on down, don't you wanna go down, O, sinners, let's go down, down to the river to pray.		
*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	Up from the Grave He Arose	UMH 322
Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior, Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!		
Refrain: Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!		
Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior, Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (Repeat Refrain)		
Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (Repeat Refrain)		
*SCRIPTURE	1 Corinthians 15:1-8	Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
MESSAGE	Close to the Vine	Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Steven Newcomb
THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)		UMH 895 Rev. Steven Newcomb
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	Repentance Medley	UMH 359 and 354
Refrain: At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away; it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!		
Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all, All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.		
Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die? Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?		

Refrain: At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away; it was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!		
All to Jesus I surrender; all to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.		
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STEP FORWARD IN FAITH		Rev. Steven Newcomb
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Everybody Ought to Know Copyright 1940, Singspiration, Inc.	Harry Dixon Loes
Refrain: Everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know who Jesus is. (Repeat Refrain)		
He's the Lily of the Valley; he's the bright and morning star. He's the fairest of ten thousand, everybody ought to know. (Repeat Refrain)		
POSTLUDE	Tu es Petrus PD	Henri Mulet
*Please stand as you are able.		
ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Mamie and James Manning on their anniversary, by their daughter, Sandra Miller.		
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Sermon Notes:

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