

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First United Methodist Church of Houston

May 3, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Rejoice! Hymn Medley *David T. Clydesdale*
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*CALL TO WORSHIP Ben Iye, Serena Mburu, & Irene Muturi

Leader:

French: Peuple de Pâques, Jésus vous a choisis! et vous appelle amis.

Swahili: Watu wa Pasaka, Yesu aliwachagua na kuwaita rafiki!

English: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Leader:

French :Jésus a fait sa demeure parmi nous pour nous montrer comment aimer.

Swahili: Yesu alifanya makao kati yetu ili kutuonyesha jinsi ya kupenda.

English: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Leader:

French: Peuple de Pâques, Jésus vous accueille chez vous!

Swahili: Watu wa Pasaka, Yesu anawakaribisha nyumbani!

English: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

People: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF WELCOME He Lives UMH 310

**I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.**

Refrain: He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
**He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.**

**In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.**

Repeat Refrain

**Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find;
None other is so loving, so good and kind.**

Repeat Refrain

MINISTRY MOMENT Sunday Morning Serving Opportunities Rev. Amanda Davis

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh & Rev. Sylvia Kiboko

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.

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton Nom soit sanctifié,
que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour; pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;
et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation, mais délivre-nous du Mal. Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent, le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Sylvia Kiboko

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Crown Him! (Majesty) *Heather Sorenson*
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Sanctuary Choir

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for me,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
Majesty! Lord of all! Let every throne before Him fall!
The King of kings, O come adore our God
Who reigns forevermore! Forevermore!
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for He has died for me!
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for He has died for me!
His praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity!
Majesty! Lord of all! Let every throne before Him fall!
The King of kings, O come adore our God
Who reigns forevermore! Praise God, who reigns forevermore!
You're the God who reigns forevermore!

THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 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!**

TIME FOR CHILDREN Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee vs. 1,2,3 UMH 89
**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!**

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

*SCRIPTURE Ezra 3:10-13 Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Followers: Disciples Serve Joyfully Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
Hear the good news... ..in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

HYMN OF INVITATION I Come With Joy UMH 617
**I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
In awe and wonder to recall His life laid down for me,
His life laid down for me.**

**I come with Christians far and near to find as all are fed,
The new community of love in Christ's communion bread,
In Christ's communion bread.**

**As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends,
And strangers now are friends.**

**And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
Is in such friendship better known; we see and praise Him here,
We see and praise Him here.**

**Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways,
And as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise
We'll live and speak His praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick,
Rev. Amanda Davis, & Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!
It is right to give our thanks and praise!

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

