

SERVICE OF THE WORD | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Houston United Methodist Church

April 12, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE I Want Jesus to Walk with Me *arr. Marvin Gaspard*
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*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 Anthony Rogers

*HYMN OF WELCOME Lift High the Cross UMH 159
*Refrain: Lift High the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

**Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine.**

Repeat Refrain

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Him who died.**

Repeat Refrain

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.**

Repeat Refrain

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory!**

Repeat Refrain

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881
Brynn Peugnet

**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.**

MINISTRY MOMENT Celebration of the 187th Anniversary Gary Hickman
of First Houston UMC's congregation

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Because He Lives *Mark Hayes*
Sanctuary Choir

God sent His Son; they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know he holds the future,
And life is worth the living
Just because he lives.
And then one day, I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain,
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.
Because He lives, I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
just because He lives.
I know my Jesus lives. My Redeemer lives!

*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 Open My Eyes, That I May See UMH 454
**Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

**Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

*SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35 Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Followers: Disciples are Formed by Jesus Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Anthony Rogers

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) UMH 895
Anthony Rogers

**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

*HYMN OF BLESSING Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133
**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

*Refrain: Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.*

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Repeat Refrain

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Repeat Refrain

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Open Our Eyes, Lord TFWS 2086
**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes,
Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

POSTLUDE Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise *arr. Albert Travis*
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*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Ellen and Gary Hickman to honor this congregation for 187 years of ministry, which is recognized as the first to organize and establish Methodism in Houston. The white roses are in memory of the fourteen who established this congregation laying the foundation for us to be present ***In This Very Room.***

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