

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 and Go Down Moses 2016 Lorenz Publishing Co.	arr. Hayes & Gaspard
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Lift Every Voice and Sing v. 1 <b>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.</b>	UMH 519
*WELCOME		Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
*HYMN OF WELCOME	O Worship the King vs. 1, 2, 5 <b>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.</b>  <b>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.</b>  <b>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.</b>	UMH 73
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed <b>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.</b>	UMH 881 Ed Gibson IV
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father <b>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.</b>	UMH 70
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Praise to the Lord Copyright 1957, Augsburg Publishing House 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!	<i>F. Melius Christiansen</i>
*THE DOXOLOGY	Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow <b>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.</b>	UMH 95
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Courtney Hutchins
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	My Hope is Built vs. 1-3 <b>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.</b>  <i>Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; All other ground is sinking sand.</i>  <b>When Darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, My anchor holds within the veil.</b>  <i>Repeat Refrain</i>	UMH 368
*SCRIPTURE	Matthew 14:22-33 The word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Rev. Amanda Davis
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
	<b>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.</b>	

	<b>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.</b>	
INVITATION TO THE ALTAR		Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
*HYMN OF BLESSING	Jesus Calls Us vs. 1, 2, 3 <b>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!"</b>  <b>As of old the apostles heard it By the Galilean lake, Turned from home and toil and kindred, Leaving all for Jesus' sake.</b>  <b>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!"</b>	UMH 398
STEP FORWARD IN FAITH		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Jesus Calls Us vs. 5 <b>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.</b>	UMH 398
POSTLUDE	Finale from the Fourth Organ Symphony	<i>C. M. Widor</i>
*Please stand as you are able.		
	ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 80th anniversary of the Adelphi Class on February 14.	
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