

SERVICE OF THE WORD | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Houston United Methodist Church

April 19, 2026 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Because He Lives *arr. Fred Bock*
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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 Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

*HYMN OF WELCOME The Day of Resurrection UMH 303
**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The passover of gladness, the passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;
And listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881
Sandra Miller

**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

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Crown Him the Risen King *Lloyd Larson*
Sanctuary Choir
All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing:
"Christ is risen! Christ is risen!"
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
His Kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!
Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb up on the throne.
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
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.
All creatures of our God and King "Christ is risen! Christ is risen!"
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

*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 Here I am Lord UMH 593
**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

Repeat Refrain

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

Repeat Refrain

*SCRIPTURE Acts 8:26-40 Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Followers: When the Spirit says Go- Run! 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. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF BLESSING Because He Lives UMH 364
**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.**

*Refrain: 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.*

**How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.**

Repeat Refrain

**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 victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns.**

Repeat Refrain

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Because He Lives, Refrain UMH 364
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POSTLUDE Jubilation *Joseph D. Payne*
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