SERVICE OF THE WORD | TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST First Houston United Methodist Church November 16, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude in F Major BWV 540

J. S. Bach

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Freely, Freely v. 1

UMH 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share His love as He told me to.

Refrain: He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."

*WELCOME Anthony Rogers

*HYMN OF WELCOME

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life; Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life; Words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life. Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of life; Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life; All so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

Repeat Refrain

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life; Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life; Jesus only Savior, sanctify us forever.

Repeat Refrain

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

UMH881

Latisha Kinyua-Mburu

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. Steven Newcomb

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Not Ashamed

Dan Forrest

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Sanctuary Choir

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause, Maintain the honor of His Word, the glory of His cross. I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause, Maintain the honor of His Word, the glory of His cross. Jesus, my Lord, I know His name, His name is all my trust. He'll never put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost.
I know that safe with Him remains, protected by His power.
His power, what I 've committed to His hands, until my final hour.
Then He shall own my lowly name before His Father's face,
And in the New Jerusalem appoint my soul a place.
I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, Jesus, my Lord.

*THE DOXOLOGY Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

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

UMH 95

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Grace Greater than Our Sin vs. 1 & 4 UMH 365

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all who believe! You that are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive?

Repeat Refrain

*SCRIPTURE Genesis 32:11-30, 33:1-4, 8-11 Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Coming Face to Face 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. Steven Newcomb

*HYMN OF BLESSING Help Us Accept Each Other vs. 1, 2, & 3

UMH 560

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
We struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them, or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved In living situations to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance, until we know by heart
The table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis & Rev. Steven Newcomb

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Help Us Accept Each Other, vs. 4

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, Who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, We need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; Renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

POSTLUDE Festival Voluntary

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UMH 560

*Please stand as you are able.

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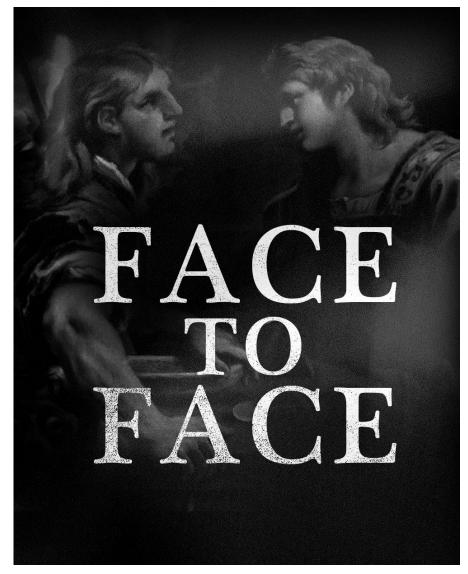
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