

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
First United Methodist Church of Houston, Downtown Campus
May 4, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	Adagio for May the Fourth Copyright 1980, Bantha Music	John Williams
*CALL TO WORSHIP	God is So Good Anthony Rogers & Altar Umoja	Paul Makai
<i>(English): God is so good; God is so good; God is so good; is so good, to me!</i> <i>(Swahili): Mungu yu mwema; Mungu yu mwema; Mungu yu mwema; Yu mwema, kwangu!</i> <i>(French): Dieu est si bon; Dieu est si bon; Dieu est si bon; Il est bon, pour moi!</i> <i>(Spanish): Dios bueno es; Dios bueno es; Dios bueno es; Bueno es, el Señor!</i>		
*WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Ken Coneby
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Crown Him with Many Crowns	UMH 327
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Pastoral Transition Update	Cathy Airola & Dr. Brant Wallace
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	His Robes for Mine Copyright 2008, churchworksmmedia.com Sanctuary Choir	Dan Forrest
His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange! Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage. Draped in his righteousness, I'm justified. In Christ I live for in my place he died. I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God. Bought by such love, my life is not my own. My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone. His robes for mine. What cause have I for dread? God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead. Faultless I stand, with righteous works not mine, saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. His robes for mine, God's justice is appeased. Jesus is crushed, the Father is pleased. Christ drank God's wrath on sin then cried "'Tis done!" Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God. Bought by such love, my life is not my own. My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone. His robes for mine: such anguish none can know. Christ, God's belov'd, condemned as though a foe He, as though I, accursed and left alone; I, as though he, embraced and welcomed home! I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God. Bought by such love, my life is not my own. My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.		
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, 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!		
*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE		Rev. Lance Richards
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Rev. Lance Richards
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. Lance Richards
Hear the good news... ..in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! <i>Glory to God. Amen.</i>		
*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE	I Love You with the Love of the Lord Anthony Rogers & Altar Umoja	James Gilbert
I love you with the love of my God! Yes! I love you with the love of my God! Cause I see in you the Glory of the Lord! Yes! I love you with the love of my God! Oui! Je t'aime de l'amour du Seigneur! Oui! Je t'aime de l'amour du Seigneur! Car je vois en toi, la gloire de mon Roi! Oui! Je t'aime de l'amour du Seigneur! Nakupenda na Mapendo ya Mungu! Nakupenda na Mapendo ya Mungu! Nina ona ndani yako, Mapendo ya Mungu! Nakupenda na Mapendo ya Mungu!		
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
*SONG OF PREPARATION	Worthy of It All Copyright 2012, Common Hymnal Publishing Anthony Rogers (over)	Brymer & Hall

Verse: All the saints and angels, they bow before your throne. All the elders cast their crowns before the Lamb of God and sing: (repeat verse)

Chorus: You are worthy of it all. You are worthy of it all. For from you are all things and to you are all things; you deserve the glory. (repeat verse) (repeat Chorus twice)

Bridge: Day and night, night and day let incense arise. Day and night, night and day let incense arise.

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*SCRIPTURE Revelation 5:11–14 Rev. Steven Newcomb
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Worthy Is the Lamb Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*SONG OF INVITATION Christ is Risen UMH 307

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Ken Coneby, Rev. Sylvia Kiboko, Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh, Rev. Steven Newcomb,
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Rev. Lance Richards, and Rev. Amanda Davis

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!

...as we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC Be Thou My Vision *arr. Richard Walters*
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Tyler Surratt, Soloist

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my Wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I thy true son, thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG The Lord's Prayer *arr. Albert Hay Malotte*
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Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh, Rev. Steven Newcomb, Rev. Amanda Davis, & Rev. Ken Coneby

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE You Are Worthy Of It All (Chorus)
You are worthy of it all. You are worthy of it all. For from you are all things and to you are all things; you deserve the glory.

POSTLUDE Fanfare for May the Fourth *John Williams*
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*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The chancel flowers today are given in memory of Juanita Ramirez on her birthday by her daughter, Hope Webber.

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