

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
November 20, 2022, 9:00 a.m. West

Faithful Giving Prayer

Pastor Lance Richards

PRELUDE *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness* arr. Diane Bish
and All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

HYMN OF PRAISE *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* #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 Pastor Lance Richards

HYMN OF WELCOME *Crown Him with Many Crowns* #327
**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
Hark! how the heavenly 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.**
**Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.**
**Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH
Acolyte Commissioning Prayer Pastor Lance Richards
and Pastor Amanda Davis

Congregational Response:
**Gracious God, Bless these servant leaders, that they may so serve you before
your earthly altar with reverence and holiness, that they may attain, with all
your saints and angels, the joy of serving you and worshiping you before your
heavenly altar; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *King of Heaven* Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

CHOIR ONLY
*Sing to the Lord, all the earth Proclaim His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among the peoples,
For great is the Lord, great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.
Glory and honor are in His presence; strength and joy is His dwelling place.
Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength, the glory due His name.
For great is the Lord, great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.
Bring an offering and come before Him.
Worship Him in the splendor of His holiness!*

CONGREGATION
**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.**

CHOIR ONLY
*Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;
motherlike, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.*

CONGREGATION
**Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

CHOIR ONLY
Amen!

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #95
**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.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Pastor Lance Richards
The Apostles' Creed #881
**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* #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.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VIDEO Courtney Hutchins and Mandy Jones

HYMN OF PREPARATION *We Gather Together* #131
**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His name, He forgets not His own.**
**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!**
**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

SCRIPTURE Pastor Amanda Davis
Colossians 1:9-14, 21-23, 28
The Word of God for us, the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE Pastor Amanda Davis
Sanctifying Grace

PASTORAL PRAYER Pastor Amanda Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Amanda Davis

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR Pastor Amanda Davis

HYMN OF BLESSING *Rejoice, the Lord is King* #715

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
Mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice;
Again I say, rejoice.**

**Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice,
Again I say, rejoice.**

**His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice,
Again I say, rejoice.**

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God
Shall sound, rejoice!**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Congregational Response

We give thanks for the gifts that God has given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and of First Methodist Houston, we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in the mission and ministries of the church, by offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

BENEDICTION Pastor Amanda Davis

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Lead on, O King Eternal* #580
**Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.**

POSTLUDE *Carillon* Herbert Murrill

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today were donated by
Judy Ann Jones in honor of our acolytes.

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