



LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Ushers and Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Worthy is the Lamb  
Sanctuary Choir

*Pepper Choplin*

Clothed in righteousness, robed in glory, holy is the Lord of Hosts.

Blessing and honor, glory and power to him who reigns upon the throne.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength.

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive honor and praise for evermore.

I heard the voice of many angels, they were gathered 'round the throne.

They were ten thousand times ten thousand, all the angels joined as one. Amen!

\*OFFERING RESPONSE 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!**

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 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 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.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN (VIDEO)

Courtney Hutchins

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION Because He Lives *arr. Mark Hayes*

**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.**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
but greater still, the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days,  
because he 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.**

**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  
lives! (sing refrain)**

CHOIR ONLY: worth the living.

**CONGREGATION: ...worth the living just because he lives.**

CHOIR ONLY: I know my Jesus lives! I know he lives! My Redeemer lives!

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

Rev. Lance Richards

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

"I Have Seen the Lord!"

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PASTORAL PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

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**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. Lance Richards

\*HYMN OF BLESSING

Hallelujah Chorus

*George Fredric Handel*

**CONGREGATION:** Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

**WOMEN:** *For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,*

**MEN:** *For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,*

**CONGREGATION:** For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is  
become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and of his Christ.

**MEN:** *And he shall reign forever and ever.*

CHOIR: And he shall reign forever and ever.

**WOMEN:** *And he shall reign forever and ever.*

CHOIR: And he shall reign forever and ever.

**WOMEN:** *King of Kings and Lord of Lords, King of Kings and Lord of Lords,*

CHOIR: King of Kings and Lord of Lords, And Lord of Lords!

**MEN:** *And he shall reign forever and ever.*

**WOMEN:** *And he shall reign forever and ever.*

**MEN:** *King of Kings and Lord of Lords!*

**CONGREGATION:**

**And he shall reign forever, forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**

**King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**

**And he shall reign forever and ever. King of Kings and Lord of Lords!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Lance Richards

BENEDICTION

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BENEDICTION RESPONSE I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

UMH 2129

SOLOIST: I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to  
follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

**CONGREGATION:** I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have  
decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

**The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross  
before me, the world behind me, the cross before me, no turning back, no turning  
back.**

**Though none go with me, still I will follow, though none go with me, still I will follow,  
though none go with me, still I will follow, no turning back, no turning back.**

**I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.**

SOLOIST: No turning back, no turning back.

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA from the Fifth Organ Symphony

Charles M Widor

*Musicians for Holy Week have been provided through generous  
donations from the Adelphi Sunday School Class and Dr. Brant Wallace.*

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# 2023 EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS FIRST METHODIST HOUSTON DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

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## GIVEN IN MEMORY

### GIVEN BY:

Cathy Airola  
Laura & Jeff Aldis  
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Merrill & John Tyler Cain  
Whitney Coneby  
Rhys & Rachel Davis  
June, Ross & Carol Dempsey  
The Hutchins Family  
James Krause  
Jim Krause  
Terry Morris & Cynthia Douglas  
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Charlene Newman  
Sheryl D. Parker  
Sanctuary Choir  
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Darleen Schauer  
Glen Severs, Jr.  
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Speed & Murphy Families  
Jane & Don Thompson  
Jane & Don Thompson  
Cara Wilson  
Jeremy & Tracy Wood

### IN MEMORY OF:

Joe Airola  
Ronald Aldis  
Elaine Wagner  
Mary Jane Magill  
Winston Hudson Magill, Jr.  
Greg Brazaitis  
Winnie Sims  
Dr. Walton B. Gardner  
Morris Tardiff  
Sandi Jackson  
Betty Krause  
Betty Krause  
Stuart Douglas  
Sheila Foster  
William (Billy) Charles Newman  
Philip L. Parker  
David Hamilton  
Kathy Lee  
Dorothy Maxie  
Karen Park  
Helen Schauer-Hallas  
Carolyn Sue Severs  
Gwendolyn & Glen Severs, Sr.  
Tom Speed  
Albert & Beth Bounds  
Emmett & Sybil Thompson  
Elsie Atterberry (Mimi)  
Irene Villareal

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Rachel & Rhys Davis  
Gregory Wisian

### IN HONOR OF:

Jannette Airola  
Ruth & Barry Wilkins  
Parker Wisian

### GIVEN BY:

Suzanne Debien

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**GIVEN BY:**

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Queen O. Obike  
Abe & Terrye Ridley  
Steve, Paula, and John Thomas  
Byrom Wehner  
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Edna Gordon  
Leon Landrum  
Emmanuel Obike  
The Ridley & The Mitchell Families  
Sam Thomas  
Jane Ellen Scowcroft  
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**GIVEN IN HONOR**

**GIVEN BY:**

Ruth Chipongian

**IN HONOR OF:**

Teresita Chipongian