SERVICE OF THE WORD AND WATER EASTER SUNDAY

First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service April 9, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE To God Be the Glory arr. Joel Raney

CHORAL INTROIT Risen Today arr. Dan Forrest

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high! Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise! Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia! Where thy victory, O grave, Alleluia!
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF WELCOME Crown Him, the Risen King arr. Lloyd Larson CHOIR ONLY: All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: "Christ is risen! O praise him, Alleluia!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: 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: (sing refrain)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon 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.

CHOIR ONLY: All creatures of our God and King, Christ is risen! Alleluia!

SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT Rev Lance Richards
Name of Candidate: Parker Daniel Wisian and Rev. Amanda Davis
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...do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Parker in your care? With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Parker with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life eternal.

...members of the household of God, I commend Parker to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love. We give thanks for all that God has already 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 in Jesus Christ.

SUNG RESPONSE Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (v. 1) UMH 611
Child of blessing, child of promise baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

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

Pepper Choplin

Sanctuary Choir Clothed in righteousness, robed in glory, h

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!" Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Lance Richards

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.

Rev. Lance Richards

*HYMN OF BLESSING Hallelujah Chorus George Fredric Handel

CONGREGATION: 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!

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

BENEDICTION RESPONSE I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

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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

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