SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Methodist Church Houston, Downtown Traditional Service March 5, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE O Sacred Head, Now Wounded arr. Dan Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP Come Out the Wilderness UMH 416

Refrain: I am leaning on the Lord, I am leaning on the Lord,

I am leaning on the Lord, who died on Calvary.

Tell me, how did you feel when you come out, come out the wilderness, come out the wilderness? Tell me, how did you feel when you come out come out the wilderness, leaning on the Lord? (repeat refrain)

WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

HYMN OF WELCOME Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken UMH 731 Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for his own abode. On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove. Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage? Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near! Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day, safe we feed upon the manna which God gives us when we pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion, washed in our Redeemer's blood; Jesus, whom our souls rely on, makes us monarchs, priests to God. Us, by his great love, he raises, rulers over self to reign, and as priests his solemn praises we for thankful offering bring.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH STAAR Snack Bags Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

MINISTRY IN MUSIC I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked Geoffrey O'Hara Sanctuary Choir

I walked today where Jesus walked, in days of long ago; I wandered down each path He knew, with reverent step and slow. Those little lanes, they have not changed, a sweet peace fills the air. I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt His presence there.

My pathway led through Bethlehem, Ah! memories ever sweet.
The little hills of Galilee, that knew those childish feet.
The Mount of Olives, hallowed scenes, that Jesus knew before;
I saw the mighty Jordan roll, as in the days of yore.

I knelt today where Jesus knelt, where all alone He prayed.
The Garden of Gethsemane, my heart felt unafraid!
I picked my heavy burden up and with Him by my side,
I climbed the Hill of Calvary where on the Cross He died!

I walked today where Jesus walked, and felt Him close to me!

OFFERING RESPONSE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 4) UMH 298 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Amanda Davis

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Amanda Davis

Leader and People: 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. Amanda Davis

Leader: Hear the good news...in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and People: Glory to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Because He Lives (Refrain)

UMH 364

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.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Communications/Children's Ministry Staff

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16 (selected verses)

Rev. Lance Richards

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

Provision

Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

HYMN OF PREPARATION Were You There? (refrain, v 1)

UMH 288

Refrain: Oh! sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

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Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (repeat refrain)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Lance Richards and Rev. Amanda Davis

Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Leader:...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Leader and People: 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!

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

Leader and People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Leader: ...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Leader and People: Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Be Thou My Vision Sanctuary Choir arr. Dan Forrest

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 men'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

Albert Hay Malotte

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

BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

BENEDICTION RESPONSE I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (v. 1) I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back.

POSTLUDE

Toccata on "Let My People Seek Their Freedom in the Wilderness"

Benjamin Culli

TFWS 2129

CRADLE CROSS

Emmeline Ruth Davis born November 17, 2022 to Rachel and Rhys Davis and big brother Jude.

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