SERVICE OF THE WORD First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service May 14, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE God of Grace and God of Glory arr. Joel Raney

*CALL TO WORSHIP Hail Thee, Festival Day (R, v2, R) UMH 324

Refrain (for Easter): Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever; day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

Verse 2 (for Easter): Rise from the grave now, O Lord, the author of life and creation. Treading the pathway of death, new life you give to us all.

Refrain (for Easter): Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever; day when our Lord was raised, breaking the kingdom of death.

UMH 139

*WELCOME Jeff Aldis

*HYMN OF WELCOME Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee, Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.

Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wing of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH VBS Video Jeff Aldis

OFFERING PRAYER Jeff Aldis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Jeff Aldis

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Crown Him arr. Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

Alleluia! Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:

Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Alleluia!

Awake, my soul and sing of Him who died for thee,
and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Alle, alleluia!

Crown Him the Lord of love: behold His hands and side.

Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends His wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright. Alleluia!

Crown Him the lord of life! who triumphed o'er the grave,
who 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. Alleluia!
Crown Him the Lord of heav'n; one with the Father known,
one with the Spirit through him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified! Alleluia!

*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!

*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 Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION In This Very Room WHM 307
In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me;
and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom.

Refrain: For Jesus, our Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all of us, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us; and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power to chase away any gloom. (sing refrain)

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world; and there's quite enough hope, and quite enough power to chase away any gloom. (sing refrain)

*SCRIPTURE Joshua 24:1-18, 23-31 Rev. Amanda Davis
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

We Will Serve the Lord

Rev. Amanda Davis

UMH 92

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Amanda Davis

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. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF BLESSING For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; (sing refrain)

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight; (sing refrain)

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild; (sing refrain)

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love; (sing refrain)

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given, for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (sing refrain)

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand (Refrain) UMH 724 Refrain: I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land; Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

POSTLUDE Festival Toccata Percy Fletcher

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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^{*}Please stand as you are able.