SERVICE OF THE WORD First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service May 21, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE Organ Suite No.1 II Fughetta III Air Florence Price

*CALL TO WORSHIP Hail Thee, Festival Day (R, V1 Ascension, R) UMH 324

*Refrain (for Ascension): Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever;

day when our risen Lord rose in the heavens to reign.

Verse 1 (for Ascension): He who was nailed to the cross is ruler and Lord of all people. All things created on earth sing to the glory of God:

Refrain (for Ascension): Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever; day when our risen Lord rose in the heavens to reign.

*WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF WELCOME All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name
All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall,
let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
and crown him Lord of all.

UMH 155

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall, the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call, who from his altar call; extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Quillian Memorial Center (Video) Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Ushers and Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Hallelujah! Resurrection Day! Larry Shackley
Sanctuary Choir

Come, see the place where Jesus lay,
angels have rolled the stone away! Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!
Tell me, O death, where is your sting?
You cannot hold the risen King! Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!
Down to the tomb, the Savior had gone,
but Sunday morning there came a new dawn.
God's mighty angel, at break of day,

came to the gravestone and rolled it away.

Come, see the place where Jesus lay,
angels have rolled the stone away! Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!
Tell me, O death, where is your sting?
You cannot hold the risen King! Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!
The angel told Mary, "Mary, shake off your fear!
Jesus is risen, is risen He is not here!"
Tell His disciples He's no longer dead,
just as He promised, just as He said."
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
and He lives forever with His saints to reign.
Come, see the place where Jesus lay,
angels have rolled the stone away! Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!
Tell me, O death, where is your sting?
You cannot hold the risen King! Sing hallelujah! Resurrection day!

*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.

UMH 70

*GLORIA PATRI Glory Be to the Father

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.

TIME FOR CHILDREN Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies UMH 173 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

*SCRIPTURE Judges 6:7-16, 36-40 Rev. Lance Richards

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

MESSAGE The Lord is With You 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.

UMH 312

*HYMN OF BLESSING Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!
Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!
Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia! Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia! Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!

See! The heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia! Though returning to his throne, Alleluia! Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia! See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia! See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia! Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia! Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*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

Organ Suite No.1 IV Toccata

Florence Price

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God, and in honor of Jeff Aldis' 55th birthday. His wife, daughters, and friends, are grateful for all the love he pours into their relationships, and for the model of a Godly man he is to them.

We celebrate him today, and every day.

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