## SERVICE OF THE WORD First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service May 28, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE Choral varié sur le Veni Creator Maurice Duruflé

Op.4 Theme, variation I, II and III

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Hail Thee, Festival Day (R, v1, R) UMH 324

Refrain (for Pentecost): Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever; day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world full of grace.

*Verse 1 (for Pentecost)*: Bright and in likeness of fire, on those who await your appearing, you whom the Lord had foretold suddenly, swiftly descend:

Refrain (for Ascension): Hail thee, festival day! blest day to be hallowed forever; day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world full of grace.

\*WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

\*HYMN OF WELCOME O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

**UMH 57** 

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Quillian Memorial Recreation Center Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Rev. Amanda Davis

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Hallelujah Louis Lewandowski

Sanctuary Choir

Hallelujah; Praise the Lord; praise God in His holy place;
Praise Him, praise Him in the firmament, hallelujah!
Praise the Lord in the firmament of all His power!
Praise Him for His mighty acts, hallelujah!
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, hallelujah!
Praise Him with psaltry and harp, hallelujah!
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet, hallelujah!
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance, hallelujah!
Praise Him with stringed instruments and with organs, hallelujah!
On cymbals loud and high-sounding praise the Lord, hallelujah!
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord, hallelujah!

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, 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!

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** 

Rev. Lance Richards

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION Sweet, Sweet Spirit UMH 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord; there are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Refrain: Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love; and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

\*SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-24, 36-39 Rev. Lance Richards

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

MESSAGE God's Promise Fulfilled Rev. Lance Richards

CALL TO PRAYER America the Beautiful UMH 696

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain; for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! May God thy gold refine, till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

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 O Spirit of the Living God UMH 539

O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine, descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine. Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace; till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow until our minds are free from mists of error, clouds of doubt, which blind our eyes to thee. Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips with flaming love and zeal, to preach to all thy great good news, God's glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear, the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear; till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one, and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save; so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave; and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole; till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!

\*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

Choral varié sur le Veni Creator Op.4 variation IV

Maurice Duruflé

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar today are given in celebration of Cynthia Douglas and Terry Morris's 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

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