

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service**  
**June 25, 2023 | 11:00 am**

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| PRELUDE  | Prelude   | <i>Hans Zimmer</i>  |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP   | My Tribute  | UMH 99              |
| <p><b>To God be the glory, to God be the glory,<br/>to God be the glory for the things he has done.<br/>With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me;<br/>to God be the glory for the things he has done.</b></p>   |   |                     |
| *WELCOME   |   | Laura Aldis         |
| *HYMN OF WELCOME   | I Love to Tell the Story                                    | UMH 156             |
| <p><b>I love to tell the story of unseen things above,<br/>of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.<br/>I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;<br/>it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.</b></p> <p><i>Refrain: I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,<br/>to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.</i></p> <p><b>I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems<br/>than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.<br/>I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;<br/>and that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. <i>(sing refrain)</i></b></p> <p><b>I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat<br/>what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.<br/>I love to tell the story, for some have never heard<br/>the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. <i>(sing refrain)</i></b></p> <p><b>I love to tell the story, for those who know it best<br/>seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.<br/>And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,<br/>'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. <i>(sing refrain)</i></b></p> |   |                     |
| LIFE OF THE CHURCH   | Commissioning of<br>JUMMP Participants & Cuba Mission Video | Rev. Lance Richards |
| OFFERING PRAYER  |   | Laura Aldis         |
| OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD  |   | Congregation        |
| MINISTRY IN MUSIC  | His Robes for Mine<br>Sanctuary Choir                       | <i>Dan Forrest</i>  |
| <p>His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!<br/>Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.<br/>Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.<br/>In Christ I live, for in my place He died.<br/>I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:<br/>Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.<br/>Bought by such love, my life is not my own:<br/>My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.<br/>His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?<br/>God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.<br/>Faultless I stand, with righteous works not mine,<br/>Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life.<br/>His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.<br/>Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.<br/>Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "'Tis done!<br/>Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won.<br/>I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:</p>  |   |                     |

Jesus forsaken. God estranged from God, from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
All my praise, my praise, my all shall be for Christ alone.  
His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.  
Christ, God's belov'd, condemned as though His foe,  
He as though I, accursed and left alone:  
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!  
I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own:  
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

\*DOXOLOGY                      Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow                      UMH 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*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              His Name Is Wonderful                      UMH 174  
**His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,  
his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.  
He is the mighty King, Master of everything;  
his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.**  
  
**He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, Almighty God is he;  
bow down before him, love and adore him,  
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

\*SCRIPTURE                      Acts 8:26-40                      Rev. Lance Richards  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE                      Proclaim Good News                      Rev. Lance Richards  
Where the Holy Spirit Leads

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.**

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR                      Rev. Lance Richards

\*HYMN OF BLESSING                      Love Lifted Me                      WHM 642  
**I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
but the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
from the waters lifted me; now safe am I.**

*Refrain: Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help,  
love lifted me. Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help,  
love lifted me.*

All my heart to him I give, ever to him I'll cling,  
in his blessed presence live, ever his praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;  
faithful, loving service, too, to him belongs. *(sing refrain)*

Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
he will lift you by his love out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea, billows his will obey;  
he your Savior wants to be— be saved today. *(sing refrain)*

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH 176

**Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own;  
his anthem raise.**

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.  
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

**Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified,  
King of all kings.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on the hymn tune "Llanfair"

*Albert Travis*

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Stan Adams  
by the Sanctuary Choir to recognize his 45 years of service to the music ministry

#### JUMMP Participants

Aiden Davis

Ashley Davis

Mia McGregor

Amanda Davis

Gracie Martinez

Celeste Peugeot

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#### SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

HOST

Laura Aldis

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