SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service July 2, 2023 | 11:00 am

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PRELUDE		-	lujah!	
	HIP: Revive Us Ag nee, O God, for the Son of o died and is now gone a	f thy love,	WHM 391	
-	elujah, thine the glory! H hine the glory! Revive us	-		
*WELCOME			Linda Civallero	
*HYMN OF WELCOME God Bless America arr. Keith Christopher God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam. God bless America, my home, sweet home.				
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LIFE OF THE CHU	JRCH School Supply	Drive (Video)	Linda Civallero	
OFFERING PRAY	ER		Linda Civallero	
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD			Congregation	
MINISTRY IN MU		ing' Up Morning tuary Choir	by Jay Rouse	
I'm a-gonna tell you 'bout the comin' of the judgment, fare thee well. There's a better day a comin', fare thee well. In a-that great a-getting' up mornin', fare thee well. When you see the lightnin' flashin', fare thee well. When you see the stars a-fallin', fare thee well. When you hear the chariots callin', fare thee well. In a-that great a-getting' up mornin', fare thee well. When you see the lightnin' flashin', when you hear the thunder crashin', when you see the stars a-fallin', when you hear the thunder crashin', when you see the stars a-fallin', when you hear the chariots callin', good news, chariot's a-comin', so glad, chariots' a-comin' and I don't wanna be left out. There's a long white robe in the heavens I know. Good news, chariot's a-comin'.and I don't wanna be left out. In that great a-getting' up mornin', fare thee well, fare thee well!				
	Praise God from Wh om whom all blessings flo ove, ye heavenly host. P	-		
INVITATION TO	THE LORD'S TABLE	Re	ev. Amanda Davis	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Amanda Davis & Congregation <i>People:</i> 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 & Congregation Leader: Hear the good newsin 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.				
because he lives, all fe	Because He Lives (Refrain) ves, I can face tomorrow; ear is gone, because I know he hol ving just because he lives.	UMH 364 ds the future,		
TIME FOR CHILDREN (Vide	eo)	Courtney Hutchins		
*SCRIPTURE The word of God for th	Acts 9:1-19a ne people of God. Thanks be to Go	Rev. Amanda Davis d!		
MESSAGE	Changed by Encountering the Risen Christ	Rev. Amanda Davis		
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis		
*HYMN OF PREPARATION: UMH 369 Blessed Assurance Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.				
<i>Refrain:</i> This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.				
	you.			
Leader: Lift up your hearts People: We lift them up t Leader: Let us give thanks People: It is right to give	s! : o the Lord! to the Lord, our God!			
Leaderand 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!				
<i>Leader:</i> as we proclaim the mystery of the faith: <i>Leader and People:</i> Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.				
Leader:all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Leader and People: Amen.				
COMMUNION MUSIC:	l'm Free Ensemble	by Jay Rouse		
So long I'd searched for life's meaning, enslaved by the world and my greed. Then the door of my prison was opened by love, and the ransom was paid - I was free! I'm free from the fear of tomorrow, I'm free from the guilt of the past. O I've traded my shackles for a glorious song, I'm free, praise the Lord, free at last! I am free from the guilt that I carried: from that dull, empty, life, I'm set free. For when I met Jesus, he made me complete. He forgot the foolish child I used to be.				

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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**

Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Everybody Ought to Know Refrain: Everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know who Jesus is. (sing refrain)

He's the Lily of the Valley; he's the bright and morning star. He's the fairest of ten thousand. Everybody ought to know. (*sing refrain*)

POSTLUDE:

The Stars and Stripes Forever

by John Philip Sousa

*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Maxine Powell on her 95th birthday by the One in the Lord Class.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

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