## SERVICE OF THE WORD First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service July 16, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE His Eye Is on the Sparrow arr. by Hayes & Gaspard

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Reviv

Revive Us Again (verse 1)

WMH 391

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Refrain: Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.

\*WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

\*HYMN OF WELCOME Victory in Jesus arr. by Stan Pethel

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory, how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me; I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning, then I repented of my sin and won the victory.

Refrain: O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!

He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood.

He loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;

he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing, how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see; and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit," and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. (sing refrain)

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory, and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea; about the angels singing and the old redemption story, and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. (sing refrain)

## **CHOIR ONLY**

He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood. Victory in Jesus!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH School Supply Drive (Video) Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC In His Steps by R. Kevin Boesiger

Sanctuary Choir

Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Lay down your life every day.

Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Safe in his steps, he'll show you the way.

In his steps, there is mercy. In his steps, there is love.

In his steps, there is healing from above. In his steps, there is kindness. In his steps, there is truth. Safe in his steps, he'll see you through. Take up your cross and follow Jesus, lay down your life every day.

Take up your cross and follow Jesus, safe in his steps, he'll show you the way.

In his steps, there's forgiveness. In his steps, there is hope.

In his steps, there's contentment and peace we can know.

In his steps, there is goodness, in his steps, there is peace.

Safe in his steps, we are free! We are free!

Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Lay down your life every day.

Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Safe in his steps, he'll show you the way!

We need thee, O we need thee; every hour we need thee.

O bless us now, our Savior, we come to thee.

Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Lay down your life every day.

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\*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 I Stand Amazed in the Presence UMH 371
I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me, a sinner, condemned, unclean.

Refrain: How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful is my Savior's love for me!

For me it was in the garden he prayed: "Not my will, but thine." He had no tears for his own griefs, but sweat-drops of blood for mine. (sing refrain)

In pity angels beheld him, and came from the world of light to comfort him in the sorrows he bore for my soul that night. (sing refrain)

He took my sins and my sorrows, he made them his very own; he bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered and died alone. (sing refrain)

When with the ransomed in glory his face I at last shall see, 'twill be my joy through the ages to sing of his love for me. (sing refrain)

\*SCRIPTURE Acts 10:1-48 Rev. Lance Richards
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!** 

MESSAGE Conversion Goes Both Ways 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.

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR Rev. Lance Richards

\*HYMN OF BLESSING Glory and Love Medley UMH 98, UMH 156, UMH 170 UMH 98 Verse 1: To God be the glory, great things he hath done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

UMH 98 Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

UMH 156 Verse 1: I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

*UMH 156 Refrain:* I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory, to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

UMH 170 Verse 1: There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth; it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

UMH 170 Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

UMH 98 Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Lance Richards

\*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** 

**Toccata on Good News** 

by Carl MaultsBy

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Mamie and James Manning on their anniversary, by their daughter, Sandra Miller.

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

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