

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service**  
**July 30, 2023 | 11:00 am**

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PRELUDE I Love You, Lord *arr. by Fred Bock*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP 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 Fly Away Medley *arr. by Mark Hayes*

Sanctuary Choir; Lelah Loftin, Taylor Surratt and David Watson, Ensemble  
CHOIR ONLY

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;  
to a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away; When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

**CONGREGATION**

**When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away, fly away, fly away;  
like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away, fly away, fly away.  
I'll fly away, fly away, O glory, I'll fly away fly away, fly away.  
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, O Lordy, I'll fly away, fly away.**

**Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand  
all the ways that God would lead us to that blessed Promised Land;  
but he'll guide us with his eye, and we'll follow till we die;  
we will understand it better by and by.**

**By and by, Lord, when the morning comes,  
when the blessed saints of God are gathered home;  
we will tell the story, how we've overcome;  
we will understand it better by and by.**

**When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder,  
when the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder,  
I'll be there.**

**On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.**

**I am bound for the Promised Land; I am bound for the Promised Land.  
O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the Promised Land.**

**O, when the saints go marching in, O, when the saints go marching in,  
O, Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in!**

**I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.**

**When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.**

CHOIR ONLY

I'll fly away, Lord, I'll fly away, when the morning comes, I'll fly away!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Quillian Summer Ministry & Rev. Amanda Davis  
Main Street Indoor Park

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC This World is Not My Home *by Jay Rouse*

Sanctuary Choir; Dee Hampton, Soloist  
This world is not my home. I'm just a-passing through.  
My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue.

The angels beckon me from heaven's open door,  
 and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.  
 They're all expecting me, and that's one thing I know.  
 My Savior pardoned me, and now I onward go.  
 I know he'll take me through, though I am weak and poor,  
 and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.  
 O Lord, you know I have no friend like you.  
 If heaven's not my home, then Lord, what will I do?  
 The angels beckon me from heaven's open door,  
 and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.  
 Just up in gloryland we'll live eternally.  
 The saints on every hand are shouting victory.  
 Their songs of sweetest praise drift back from heaven's shore,  
 and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.  
 Lord, you know I have no friend like you.  
 If heaven's not my home, then Lord, what will I do?  
 The angels beckon me from heaven's open door,  
 and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.  
 In the sweet, in the sweet, by and by, by and by,  
 we shall meet on that beautiful, (beautiful) shore.  
 In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
 The angels beckon me from heaven's open door,  
 and I can't feel at home in this world anymore.  
 No, I can't feel at home in this world anymore!

\*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      There's Within My Heart a Melody                      UMH 380  
**There's within my heart a melody Jesus whispers sweet and low:  
 fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.**  
*Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,  
 fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.*  
**All my life was wrecked by sin and strife, discord filled my heart with pain;  
 Jesus swept across the broken strings, stirred the slumbering chords again.**  
*(sing refrain)*  
**Though sometimes he leads through waters deep, trials fall across the way,  
 though sometimes the path seems rough and steep, see his footprints all the way.**  
*(sing refrain)*  
**Feasting on the riches of his grace, resting neath his sheltering wing,  
 always looking on his smiling face, that is why I shout and sing.**  
*(sing refrain)*  
**Soon he's coming back to welcome me far beyond the starry sky;**

**I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown; I shall reign with him on high.**  
*(sing refrain)*

\*SCRIPTURE Acts 11:19-30 Rev. Lance Richards  
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE How Disciples Come to be Called "Christian" 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 Just a Little Talk with Jesus *arr. by Stan Pethel*

**I once was lost in sin, but Jesus took me in;  
and then a little light from heaven filled my soul.  
It bathed my heart in love, and wrote my name above;  
and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.**

*Refrain: Now let us have a little talk with Jesus,  
let us tell him all about our troubles,  
he will hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by.  
Now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning,  
you will know a little fire is burning.  
You will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right; it makes it right.*

**Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer;  
and then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day.  
A mist of sin may rise, and hide the starry skies;  
but just a little talk with Jesus clears the way. *(sing refrain)***

**I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears;  
but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night.  
I go to Him in prayer. He knows my every care;  
and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right, it makes it right.**  
*(sing refrain twice)*

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

\*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 We Will Glorify *arr. by Fred Bock*

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Robert Douglas' birthday by his parents, Cynthia Douglas and Dr. Terry Morris.

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