## SERVICE OF THE WORD First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service August 20, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE	In This Very Room and Majesty	arr. by Fred Bock			
Majesty, kingdom au flow from his throne So exalt, lift up on hi Magnify, come glorif Majesty, worship his	ry, honor, and praise. Ithority, unto his own; his anthem raise. gh, the name of Jesus. Y Christ Jesus, the King.	UMH 176			
*WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Davis			
I know that he is livin I see his hand of mer	He Lives , he's in the world today; ng, whatever foes may say. rcy, I hear his voice of cheer, eed him, he's always near.	UMH 310			
He walks with me an He lives, he lives salv	lives, Christ Jesus live today! Id talks with me along life's narrow v vation to impart! ow he lives? He lives within my hea	-			
and though my hear I know that he is lead	nd me I see his loving care, t grows weary, I never will despair. ding through all the stormy blast; ring will come at last. (sing refrain)				
eternal hallelujahs to The hope of all who	nristian, lift up your voice and sing o Jesus Christ the King! seek him, the help of all who find; ng, so good and kind. (sing refrain)				
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Summer Recap and Back to School Blessing	Rev. Amanda Davis			
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis			
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO	GOD	Congregation			
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Blessed Sanctuary Choir	by Brad Nix			
Blessed	are the broken hearts betrayed by pa	ain and loss.			
I was once forsaken and alone upon a cross.					
Blessed are the faces of uncertainty and dread.					
I had no home in this world, no place to lay my head.					
Blessed are the givers who take nothing for themselves.					
I became a servant too and offered up myself. Blessed are the innocent with wonder in their hearts.					
Every child who came to me I welcomed in my arms.					
All who hunger for me and do as I have done					
I will give you comfort and fill you, every one.					
You are all God's children and great is your reward. You will see the Father; the kingdom shall be yours.					
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Blessed are the merciful who share the gift of grace. Out of love I pardoned you and suffered in your place. Blessed are the ones who build the bridges that restore. I was born the Prince of Peace, with power to transform. Blessed are the broken hearts, blessed are the givers, Blessed are the innocent, blessed are the merciful, Blessed are the ones who build, for the kingdom shall be yours.						
*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.						
•	Glory Be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy G ing, is now, and ever shall be, nen. Amen.	UMH 70 Ghost;				
TIME FOR CHILDREN (VID	EO)	Courtney Hutchins				
*HYMN OF PREPARATION Spirit of the living Go Spirit of the living Go Melt me, mold me, fi Spirit of the living Go	d, fall afresh on me. d, fall afresh on me. ll me, use me.	UMH 393				
*SCRIPTURE The word of God for th	Acts 16:16-40 e people of God. <b>Thanks be to G</b>	Rev. Lance Richards				
MESSAGE	Faith Multiplies by Example	Rev. Lance Richards				
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	2	Rev. Lance Richards				
	l Surrender All r; all to him I freely give; ist him, in his presence daily live.	UMH 354				
<i>Refrain:</i> I surrender all all to thee, my blessed	, I surrender all, I Savior, I surrender all.					
	r; make me, Savior, wholly thine; nd power; truly know that thou a	<b>rt mine.</b> (sing refrain)				

	-	rd, I give myself to thee; ower; let thy blessing fall on m	<b>ne.</b> (sing ref	frain)	
	•	ow I feel the sacred flame. Glory, glory, to his name! (sing	g refrain)		
*STEP FORV	VARD IN FAITH		Rev. Laı	nce Richards	
*BENEDICTI	ON		Rev. La	nce Richards	
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE There's Something About That Name UMH 171 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim: Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, But there's something about that name!					
POSTLUDE	-	Toccata from Suite Gothique	by Le	eon Boellmann	
		ALTAR FLOWERS			
	The flowers on th	e altar today are given in hon	or of Pat B	onner's	
	53 years of servic	e to the music ministry, by the	e Sanctuar	y choir.	

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

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