## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

## First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service September 10, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE Holy, Holy, Holy arr. by Hayes and Gaspard

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: My Tribute UMH 99

To God be the glory, to God be the glory, to God be the glory for the things he has done. With his blood he has saved me; with his power he has raised me; to God be the glory for the things he has done.

\*WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

\*HYMN OF WELCOME To God Be the Glory UMH 98

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 life-gate that all may go in.

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!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God; the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (sing refrain)

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus, the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (sing refrain)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Celebration of Debt Reduction Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Kyrie from Memorial by René Clausen

Sanctuary Choir

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy. Adonai, grant us peace. Amen,

\*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.

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

**UMH 462** 

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood; and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! (sing refrain)

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease; just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. (sing refrain)

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend; and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. (sing refrain)

\*SCRIPTURE

Mark 5:25-34

Rev. Lance Richards

The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!

**MESSAGE** 

Overcoming the Poverty of Being

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

**UMH 452** 

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll; blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Freely, Freely

UMH 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name, and in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.

*Refrain:* He said, "Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give. Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live."

POSTLUDE Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho arr. by Fela Sowande

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Barbara Kirkpatrick for 55 years of service to the Music Ministry, by the Sanctuary Choir.

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