## SERVICE OF THE WORD First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service September 24, 2023 | 11:00 am

CHORAL PRELUDE Nada Me Falta (Psalm 23) by Mark Sedio

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: by Kinley Lange Esto les Digo

Sanctuary Choir; Kammi Estelle, Soloist

This I tell you if two of you agree here on earth, to ask for anything in prayer, my father who is in heaven, it shall be done. For where two are three are gathered in my name, I am there, in the midst of them. This I tell you, I am there.

WELCOME Kathrin Meier

\*HYMN OF WELCOME Holy, Holy, Holy **UMH 64** 

> with Santo, Santo, Santo **UMH 65**

UMH 64 V 1, UMH 65 V 1, UMH 64 and UMH 65 V 2 AND V 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Santo! Santo! Señor omnipotente, siempre el labio mio lo ores te dará. Santo! Santo! te adoro reverente, Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

iSanto! iSanto! iSanto! La inmensa muchedumbre de ángeles que cumplen tu santa voluntad ante ti se postra, bañada de tu lumbre, ante ti que has sido, que eres y serás.

¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! La gloria de tu nombre vemos en tus obras en cielo, tierra y mar; ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Te adorará todo hombre, Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH **Neighbors in Action** Kathrin Meier

OFFERING PRAYER Kathrin Meier OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Not Ashamed by Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

Dedicated to the Acree family

I'm not ashamed to own my Lord, or to defend His cause, Maintain the honor of His Word, the glory of His cross. Jesus, my Lord, I know His name, His name is all my trust. He'll never put my soul to shame, nor let my hope be lost. I know that safe with Him remains, protected by His power; What I've committed to His hands, until my final hour. Then He shall own my lowly name before His Father's face, And in the New Jerusalem appoint my soul a place. I'm not ashamed to own my Lord. Jesus, my Lord.

\*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

IMH 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 Nydia Quant

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION How Great Thou Art

**UMH 77** 

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee! How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee! How great thou art! How great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; (sing refrain)

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! (sing refrain)

\*SCRIPTURE Romans 12:3-16 Rev. Lance Richards and Kathrin Meier

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

MESSAGE The Body of Christ Kathrin Meier

The Power of Community Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Kathrin Meier

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 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

**UMH 344** 

with Tú Has Venido a la Orilla

Lord, You have come to the lakeshore

looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; You only asked me to follow humbly.

English Refrain: O Lord, with Your eyes You have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by Your side I will seek other seas.

Tú has venido a la orilla, no has buscado ni a sabios ni a ricos, Tan sólo quieres que yo te siga.

Spanish Refrain: Señor, me has mirado a los ojos, y son riendo has dicho mi nombre; en la arena he dejado mi barca; junto a ti buscaré otro mar. (sing English refrain)

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION Kathrin Meier

\*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 Toccatina by Ramón Noble

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Dr. Terry Morris' birthday, by the Sanctuary Choir.

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

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