

SERVICE OF THE WORD
First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service
October 8, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE	Count Your Blessings	<i>arr. by Dan Miller</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP:	Seek Ye First	UMH 405
	Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!	
*WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Davis
*HYMN OF WELCOME	I Am Thine, O Lord	UMH 419
	I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.	
	<i>Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.</i>	
	Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine. (sing refrain)	
	O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! (sing refrain)	
	There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. (sing refrain)	
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Family Ministry	Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	What He's Done Sanctuary Choir	<i>arr. by Phil Nitz</i>
	See, on the hill of Calvary, my Savior bled for me, my Jesus set me free. Look at the wounds that give me life, grace flowing from his side, no greater sacrifice, what he's done, what he's done. All the glory and the honor to the Son; my sins are forgiven, my future is heaven, I praise God for what he's done. Sing for the freedom he has won, even death is dead and done; his life has overcome. Speak, say the Name above all names, over every broken place, he is risen from the grave. What he's done, what he's done, all the glory and the honor to the Son; my sins are forgiven, my future is heaven, I praise God for what he's done. Now, on a throne of majesty, the Father's will complete, he reigns in victory: sing hallelujah to the King. He is worthy to receive all the worship we can bring. What he's done, what he's done, all the glory and the honor to the Son; My sins are forgiven, my future I heaven, I praise God for what he's done. I praise God for what he's done.	
*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 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us UMH 381**
**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**
**We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**
**Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

***SCRIPTURE Matthew 14:13-21 Rev. Lance Richards**
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE 'You Give Them Something to Eat!' 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 Take My Life, and Let It Be UMH 399**
**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**
**Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.**

Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.

Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)

UMH 140

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

all I have needed thy hand hath provided;

great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

POSTLUDE

We Will Glorify

arr. by Fred Bock

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in memory
of Betty Krause by her husband, Jim.

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