## SERVICE OF THE WORD First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service October 15, 2023 | 11:00 am

	Octobel 15, 2025   11.00 all	
PRELUDE	Toccata on Holy Manna O Love Scholars and Sanctuary Choir Music T	by Joel Raney by Elaine Hagenberg eachers
-	Seek Ye First (verse 1) Kingdom of God and his righteousness, gs shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alle	
*WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Davis
Come, thou Foun streams of mercy Teach me some n	E Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing t of every blessing, tune my heart to si , never ceasing, call for songs of loudes nelodious sonnet, sung by flaming tong ! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redee	ng thy grace; st praise. gues above.
and I hope, by the Jesus sought me	Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come y good pleasure, safely to arrive at hon when a stranger, wandering from the f from danger, interposed his precious b	ne. old of God;
Let thy goodness, Prone to wander,	reat a debtor daily I'm constrained to b like a fetter, bind my wandering hear Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts	t to thee. I love;
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Adult Discipleship	Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING OUR GIFTS	TO GOD	Congregation
Sometin He knows every So re God *DOXOLOGY <b>Praise God, from w</b>	God is Always Good Sanctuary Choir; Michelle Gascon, So I don't know why, I don't know why 't know how you'll make it through, but and he is God, and he is kind. nes it's in the darkest night we find God Always was, always is, forever he wil God is always good to you and me He knows your hurt, your broken he thing that led to where you are and He' est in his unfailing love and see God is a Always was, always is, forever he wil is always good to you and me. God is al Praise God from Whom All Blessings Fl <b>yhom all blessings flow; praise him, all</b> <b>ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son a</b>	en. : I know him, is always good. II be. e. eart. 'II provide all you need. Iways good. II be. Iways good. ow UMH 95 <b>creatures here below;</b>
his only Son our Lo Mary, suffered und he rose from the d God the Father Aln dead. I believe in t	AITH The Apostles' Creed e Father Almighty, maker of heaven an ord: who was conceived by the Holy Spi der Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, ead; he ascended into heaven, and sitt nighty; from thence he shall come to ju he Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church sins, the resurrection of the body, and	irit, born of the Virgin and buried; the third day eth at the right hand of udge the quick and the , the communion of saints,

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 (LIVE) Bible Presentation **Rev. Lance Richards** for Children and Courtney Hutchins \*HYMN OF PREPARATION Jesus Loves Me UMH 191 Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loves so long ago, taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me." (sing refrain) Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way, wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. (sing refrain) \*SCRIPTURE Matthew 25:14-30 **Rev. Lance Richards** The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God! MESSAGE Entrusted as Stewards of the Greatest Treasure 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 God Be with You Till We Meet Again UMH 672 (verses 1, 2, and 3) God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Refrain: Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet; till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again. God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. (sing refrain) God be with you till we meet again; when life's perils thick confound you, put his arms unfailing round you; God be with you till we meet again. (sing refrain) **\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH** Rev. Lance Richards \*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards \*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain) UMH 140 Refrain: 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 Danza Espagnol by Ramon Noble ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers on the altar today are given "in remembrance of the best 44 years of my life, shared with my precious Carolyn," by Glen Severs.

Ryan Cervone Jamie Coym Penelope Elustondo THIRD GRADE BIBLES Penelope Evans Alani Lee Ian McGregor Safi Mwangaza

Neveah Key Platt Gabriel Richards Annabelle Siesennop

The Bible Discovery Sunday School Class purchased the Bibles for the 3rd graders in memory of Dorris & Jack Maynard.

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

ORGANIST EXECUTIVE PASTOR DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DOWNTOWN DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC SENIOR PASTOR PIANIST Paul Butt Rev. Amanda Davis Courtney Hutchins Dr. Terry Morris Rev. Lance Richards Jeremy Wood