SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service November 5, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE	For All the Saints	arr. by Hayes and Gaspard		
*CALL TO WORSHIP The Church's One Foundation (verses 1, 2, 5) UMH 545 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.				
her charter of salvat one holy name she b	ion, yet one o'er all the earth ion, one Lord, one faith, one plesses, partakes one holy foc e presses, with every grace en	birth; od,		
Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.				
*WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Davis		
*HYMN OF WELCOME For All the Saints (verses 1,2,4,6) UMH 711 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!				
Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!				
O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!				
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!				
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Thanksgiving in a Bag	Rev. Amanda Davis		
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis		
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregati				
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	When the Saints Go Marching Sanctuary Choir	g In by John Rutter		
choir only: Glory, glory hallelujah! The Lord goes marching on.				

congregation and choir:

Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in: Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.

And when the revelation comes, and when the revelation comes: oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the revelation comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed: oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne: oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when they gather round the throne.

choir only:

Hallelujah, brothers, hallelujah, sisters! Hear the music going round and around. While the saints go marching up into glory, Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound! congregation and choir:

And when they crown Him King of Kings, and when they crown Him King of Kings: oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when they crown Him King of Kings.

choir only:

And when the sun no more will shine, and when the sun no more will shine: oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the sun no more will shine. And when the moon has turned to blood, and when the moon has turned to blood: oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the moon has turned to blood. Hallelujah, brothers, hallelujah, sisters! Hear the music going round and around. While the saints go marching up into glory, Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound! And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day: oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, on that hallelujah day. congregation and choir: Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in: oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in. *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 INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Amanda Davis PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Amanda Davis & Congregation People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Lance Richards & Congregation Leader: Hear the good news... ... in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! *People:* In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Leader and People: Glory to God. Amen. SUNG RESPONSE Because He Lives (Refrain) **UMH 364** Refrain: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone, because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives. TIME FOR CHILDREN (Live) **Courtney Hutchins** *SCRIPTURE Psalm 23 Rev. Lance Richards The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God! Dwelling in the House **Rev. Lance Richards** MESSAGE of the Lord Forever PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards *HYMN OF PREPARATION For the Bread Which **UMH 614** You Have Broken For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;

in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Leader:* The Lord be with you. Rev. Lance Richards

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God!

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Leader ...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Leader and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader:...as we proclaim the mystery of the faith: *Leader and People:* Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Jim Arnold	Mary Hakansson	Linda Powell
Greg Brazaitis	Sylvia Herdejurgen	Raphael Reyes
Barbara Busch	Peggy Jackson	Bettie Riggs
Don Cassling	Dick Jenkins	Ken Runkel
Evelyn Ellis	Raleigh Johnson	Rusty Russell
Marion Freeman	Kathy Lee	Ken Scott
Beverly Goyne	Terry Marriott	Carolyn Severs
Bob Graham		Jack Williams

Leader: ...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. *Leader and People:* **Amen.**

COMMUNION MUSIC	Things that Never Die	by Brad Nix			
Sanctuary Choir					
The pure, the bright, the beautiful that stirred our hearts in youth,					
the impulses to wordless prayer, the streams of love and truth,					
	e longing after something lost, the spirit's yea				
	the striving after better hopes, these things can never die. The timid hand stretched forth to aid, a brother in his need;				
a kindly word in grief's dark hour that proves a friend indeed.					
The plea for mercy softly breathed when justice threatens high, the sorrow of a contrite heart, these things shall never die.					
	nothing pass for every hand must find some				
lose not a chance to waken love, be firm and just and true.					
So shall a light that cannot fade beam on thee from on high,					
and angel voices say to thee 'these things shall never die."					
The pure, the bright, the beautiful , the impulses to wordless prayer never die.					
These things shall never die.					
*THE LORD'S PRAYER IN	SONG	by Albert Hay Malotte			
Thy Kingdom come, Give us this day our And forgive us our d And lead us not into	rt in heaven, hallowed be thy name. thy will be done on earth, as it is in heave daily bread. ebts, as we forgive our debtors. temptation, but deliver us from evil: dom, and the power, and the glory, forev	en.			
*STEP FORWARD IN FAIT	ſH	Rev. Lance Richards			
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lance Richards			
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE: Now Thank We All Our God (verse 2) UMH 102 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.					
POSTLUDE	All Creatures of Our God and King	arr. by David Schack			
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