## **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

## First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service November 19, 2023 | 11:00 am

PRELUDE How Great Thou Art arr. by Mark Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known. The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

\*WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

\*HYMN OF WELCOME Crown Him with Many Crowns

**UMH 327** 

**UMH 131** 

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne, Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Multiply Stewardship Rev. Lance Richards
Campaign Update

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Lead On, O King Eternal arr. by Diane Bish
Sanctuary Choir

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace.

For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King, lead on.
Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears.

Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light;

\*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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

**UMH 155** 

(verses 1, 2, 4, 6)

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him, crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

\*SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145

Rev. Lance Richards

(with Musical Response from UMH 857)

MUSICAL RESPONSE: Let us see your kindness, Lord; grant us your salvation.

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; **God's greatness is unsearchable**. One generation shall laud your works to another, **and shall declare your mighty acts**.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: Let us see your kindness, Lord; grant us your salvation.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, his compassion is over all his creation.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and your faithful ones shall bless you!

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: Let us see your kindness, Lord; grant us your salvation.

The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

You open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

All the Lord's ways are just, all the Lord's doings are kind.

The Lord is near to all who call, to all who call upon the Lord in truth.

The Lord fulfills the desire of the faithful, and hears their cry and saves them.

All who love the Lord, the Lord preserves. All the wicked the Lord destroys.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;

let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

MUSICAL RESPONSE: Let us see your kindness, Lord; grant us your salvation.

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

MESSAGE The Lord, Our King, is Good to All 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

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the glory, forever. Amen.

Rev. Lance Richards

\*HYMN OF BLESSING

Rejoice, the Lord is King

**UMH 715** 

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;

the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

**UMH 102** 

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Now Thank We All Our God (verse 2) 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 Fanfare** by William Mathias

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the alter today are given in loving memory of Billie Manning Cox, by her sister, Sandi Miller.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS: PIANIST

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