

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY**  
**First Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service**  
**February 11, 2024 | 11:00 am**

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PRELUDE	Humoresque	<i>Pietro Yon</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Go, Make of All Disciples (v. 4) <b>"Go, make of all disciples." We welcome thy command.</b> <b>"Lo, I am with you always." We take thy guiding hand.</b> <b>The task looms large before us; we follow without fear;</b> <b>in heaven and earth thy power shall bring God's kingdom here.</b>	UMH 571
*WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Davis
*STORY OF CHRIST'S TRANSFIGURATION	Mark 9:2-9	Rev. Lance Richards
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies <b>Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,</b> <b>Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;</b> <b>Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.</b>  <b>Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;</b> <b>joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;</b> <b>till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.</b>  <b>Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;</b> <b>fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;</b> <b>more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.</b>	UMH 173
LIFE OF THE CHURCH		Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Lord, Listen to Your Children Sanctuary Choir Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace. Something's gonna happen like the world has never known, When the people of the Lord get down to pray; A door's gonna swing open and the walls come a-tumbling down, When the people of the Lord get down to pray. You're gonna know, it, when the Lord stretches out His hand And the people of the Lord get down to pray; There's gonna be a brand new song of victory in this land, When the people of the Lord get down to pray. And all the people sang: Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying. Send us love, send us power, send us grace.	<i>Jack Schrader</i>
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow <b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;</b> <b>praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen</b>	UMH 95
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed <b>I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ</b> <b>his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin</b> <b>Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day</b> <b>he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of</b> <b>God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the</b>	UMH 881

**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 (LIVE)**                      **Courtney Hutchins**

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**    **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**                      **UMH 139**  
**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**  
**O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!**  
**All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;**  
**join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning**  
**bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.**  
**God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.**  
**Hast thou not known his sustaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;**  
**surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.**  
**Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,**  
**who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,**  
**fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.**  
**Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,**  
**spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!**  
**All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!**  
**Let the amen sound from his people again;**  
**gladly forever adore him.**

**\*SCRIPTURE**                      **1 John 3:11, 16-24**                      **Rev. Lance Richards**  
**The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.**

**MESSAGE**                      **Putting God's Love into Action**                      **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**                      **For the Healing of the Nations**                      **UMH 428**  
**For the healing of the nations, Lord, we pray with one accord;**  
**for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords;**  
**to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word,**  
**(pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.**

**Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release,**  
**that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.**  
**Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase, (hope increase) fear will die and hope increase.**

**All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned;**  
**pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.**

**In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,  
(life's brief span) may we hallow life's brief span.**

**You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind;  
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind,  
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,  
(may find) earth its destiny may find.**

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Lord, Whose Love

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**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for the Feast of Superbowltime

*S. Schreer and P. Garrod*

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given by  
the Adelphi Class, in honor of their 78<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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