SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service April 7, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE Blessed Assurance arr. by Dan Miller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

UMH 176

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own;

his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

*WELCOME Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan

*HYMN OF WELCOME

Up from the Grave He Arose

UMH 322

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hellelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;

vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (repeat Refrain)

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;

he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord! (repeat Refrain)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Youth Stock Campaign Will Maddux

OFFERING PRAYER Will Maddux

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC His Robes for Mine by Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange! Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.

Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified. In Christ I live, for in my place He died. I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.

Bought by such love, my life is not my own: My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread? God's daunting law Christ mastered in my stead.

Faultless I stand, with righteous works not mine,

Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased.

Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased.

Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried "'Tis done!'

Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won. I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost:

Jesus forsaken. God estranged from God, from God.

Bought by such love, my life is not my own.

All my praise, my praise, my all shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know.

Christ, God's belov'd, condemned as though His foe,

He as though I, accursed and left alone: I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home! I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost: Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God. Bought by such love, my life is not my own: My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone.

*OFFERING RESPONSE Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

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. Dr. Eric Pugh

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.

*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE 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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION On the Day of Resurrection

UMH 309

(TUNE: UMH614: For the Bread Which You Have Broken)

On the day of resurrection to Emmaus we return;

while confused, amazed and frightened, Jesus comes to us, unknown.

Then this stranger asks a question, "What is this which troubles you?" Meets us in our pain and suffering; Jesus walks with us, unknown.

In our trouble, words come from him; burning fire within our hearts tells to us the scripture's meaning. Jesus speaks to us, unknown.

Then we near our destination. Then we ask the stranger in, and he yields unto our urging; Jesus stays with us, unknown.

Day of sorrow is forgotten when the guest becomes the host. Taking bread and blessing, breaking, Jesus is himself made known.

Opened eyes, renewed convictions, journey back to scenes of pain; telling all that Christ is risen. Jesus is through us made known.

*SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

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

MESSAGE

Look for Jesus Along the Way

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan

*HYMN OF INVITATION

Day of Arising

W&S 3086

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day, and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

"Lo, I am with you," Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.

Christ our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh and Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan

Leader: The Lord be with you. 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.

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

Leader and People: Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC Vision Prayer by Molly Ijames

Sanctuary Choir

Into this heart of darkness God made His light to shine, and now the glorious knowledge of Jesus Christ is mine. His light has cleared my vision of all its blinding lies, and spread His truth and beauty before my wondering eyes.

Illumined in rich color and beautiful to see, the dying of my Savior has given life to me.

and brighter still in radiance, His resurrection hour has left the dark tomb empty, and freed me from its power. O let me guard this treasure, this knowledge in my heart, this brightly burning candle that bids my doubts depart.

and as I shine this gospel in every darkened place, O Savior, keep before me the vision of Your face. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG

Albert Hay Malotte

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE He Lives (Refrain) UMH 310

Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

POSTLUDE Toccata in Seven by John Rutter

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Sanctuary flowers are given by Ellen and Gary Hickman to commemorate the formal dedication of the "new" church building at Main and Clay. The church was opened for worship on December 18, 1910, but could not be dedicated until all debts were satisfied. The pastor, Dr. Hubert D. Knickerbocker announced the remaining construction debt of \$75,000.00 was satisfied, and the "new" church building was dedicated 106 years ago on this date, April 7, 1918.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

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LITURGIST Will Maddux
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^{*}Please stand as you are able.