SERVICE OF THE WORD FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service April 21, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name arr. by Joel Raney

*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. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF WELCOME Thine Be the Glory UMH 308

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain: Thine be the glory, risen conquering son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (sing refrain)

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (sing refrain)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Quillian Summer Camp Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Hallelujah, We Shall Rise! by Stan Pethel

Sanctuary Choir

In the resurrection morning when the trump of God shall sound, we shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise!

Then the saints will come rejoicing and no tear will e'er be found.

We shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise!

In the resurrection morning, when death's prison bars are broken, we shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise!

In the resurrection morning, what a meeting it will be!

We shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise!

When our fathers and our mothers and our loved ones we shall see,

We shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise!

In the resurrection morning we shall meet him in the air! We shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise,

and be carried up to glory to our home so bright and fair!

We shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise!

We shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise! Amen! We shall rise! in the resurrection morning, when death's prison bars are broken, we shall rise! Hallelujah! We shall rise!

*OFFERING RESPONSE Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, 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!

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

UMH 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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 O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

UMH 317

(vs. 1 & 6-9)

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King, o'er death and hell rose triumphing.

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord, he doubted the disciples' word. (sing refrain)

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee; not faithless but believing be." (sing refrain)

No longer Thomas then denied; he saw the feet, the hands, the side; "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. (sing refrain)

How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith hath constant been, for they eternal life shall win. (sing refrain)

*SCRIPTURE John 20:19-31 Rev. Lance Richards

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Believe Where You Have Not Seen Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Amanda Davis

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 Easter People, Raise Your Voices

UMH 304

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.

For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.

When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*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 from Suite Gothique *Please stand as you are able.

by Leon Boellmann

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given by the Fidelis Sunday School Class in honor of their 80th anniversary.

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