

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
First United Methodist Church, Houston | West Campus Traditional Service
October 6, 2024 | 9:00 am | Hinson Chapel

PRELUDE	Preludes on the Hymn Tunes Land of Rest and Consolation	<i>by George Shearing</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom (vs. 1 & 2) Faith, while trees are still in blossom, plans the picking of the fruit; faith can feel the thrill of harvest when the buds begin to sprout. Long before the dawn is breaking, faith anticipates the sun. Faith is eager for the daylight, for the work that must be done.	UMH 508
*WELCOME		Rev. Ken Coneby
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Stand Up and Bless the Lord Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice; stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice. Though high above all praise, above all blessing high, who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify? O for the living flame from his own altar brought, to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought! God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours; then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers. Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore; stand up and bless his glorious name, henceforth forevermore.	UMH 662
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Abundantly More Stewardship Campaign	Rev. Lance Richards
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Ken Coneby
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	How Great Thou Art Cynthia Douglas and Kammi Estelle, Soloists O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed. Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountains grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin. Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"	Lloyd Larson

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art! How great thou art!

*OFFERING RESPONSE Bless Thou the Gifts UMH 587

**Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;
bless thou the work our hearts have planned.
Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;
the rest, O God, is in thy hand.**

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Ken Coneby

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Ken Coneby
**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. Ken Coneby

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) Janet Galindo

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Make Me a Captive, Lord UMH 421

**Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free.
Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;
imprison me within thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.**

**My heart is weak and poor until it master find;
it has not spring of action sure, it varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move till thou hast wrought its chain;
enslave it with thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.**

**My power is faint and low till I have learned to serve;
it lacks the needed fire to glow, it lacks the breeze to nerve.
It cannot drive the world until itself be driven;
its flag can only be unfurled when thou shalt breathe from heaven.**

**My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;
if it would reach a monarch's throne, it must its crown resign.
It only stands unbent amid the clashing strife,
when on thy bosom it has leant, and found in thee its life.**

*SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 1:3-10 Rev. Lance Richards
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Strengthened Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF INVITATION Come, and Let Us Sweetly Join UMH 699

**Come, and let us sweetly join, Christ to praise in hymns divine,
give we all with one accord glory to our common Lord.**

**Hands and hearts and voices raise, sing as in the ancient days;
antedate the joys above, celebrate the feast of love.**

**Jesus, dear expected Guest, thou are bidden to the feast;
for thyself our hearts prepare; come, and sit, and banquet there.**

**Sanctify us, Lord, and bless, breathe thy Spirit, give thy peace;
thou thyself within us move, make our feast a feast of love.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Ken Coneby; Rev. Lance Richards

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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Mack Wilberg

Cynthia Douglas and Kammi Estelle, Soloists

I sing the mighty pow'r of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed where'er I turn my eye;

If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,

And ev'rywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.

*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. Ken Coneby

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (v. 1)

UMH 150

**God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
we your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.**

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

*Please stand as you are able.

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