

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE | SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
First United Methodist Church of Houston, Downtown Campus
June 1, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	To God Be the Glory Copyright 2016, Hope Publishing Company Sanctuary Choir	<i>arr. Joel Raney</i>
	O come to the Father, and give him the glory great things he hath done. To God be the glory, great things he hath done, so loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he hath done. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice, praise the Lord!	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1 & 6) Anthony Rogers and Altar Umoja	UMH 155
	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. 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, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.	
*WELCOME		Rev. Steven Newcomb
*OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Sylvia Kiboko
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	UMH 384
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Farewell to Pastor Lance	Cathy Airola & Eric Viehman
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Hallelujah (from "Mount of Olives") (PDM) Sanctuary Choir	L. van Beethoven
	Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, In holy songs of joy. Man, proclaim His grace and glory! Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son. Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.	
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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!	UMH 94
*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE		Rev. Lance Richards
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION	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.	Rev. Lance Richards
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	Hear the good news... ..in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! <i>Glory to God. Amen.</i>	Rev. Lance Richards
*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE	I Love You with the Love of the Lord Anthony Rogers & Altar Umoja	<i>James Gilbert</i>
	I love you with the love of my God! Yes! I love you with the love of my God! Cause I see in you the Glory of the Lord! Yes! I love you with the love of my God! Oui! Je t'aime de l'amour du Seigneur! Oui! Je t'aime de l'amour du Seigneur! Car je vois en toi, la gloire de mon Roi! Oui! Je t'aime de l'amour du Seigneur! Nakupenda na Mapendo ya Mungu! Nakupenda na Mapendo ya Mungu! Nina ona ndani yako, Mapendo ya Mungu! Nakupenda na Mapendo ya Mungu!	
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Rev. Lance Richards & Courtney Hutchins
*SONG OF PREPARATION	Firm Foundation Copyright 2021 Writers Roof Publishing, TBCO Publishing, A.L.K.D. Music, Capitol CMG Paragon (Admin by Capitol CMG Publishing), For Humans Publishing, Maverick City Publishing (Admin by Essential Music Publishing) Anthony Rogers	<i>A. Davis, C. Moore, C. Carnes</i>
	Christ is my firm foundation — the Rock on which I stand. When everything around me is shaken, I've never been more glad that I put my faith in Jesus — 'cause he's never let me down. He's faithful through generations, so why would he fail now? He won't.	

I've still got joy in chaos. I've got peace that makes no sense. So I won't be going under; I'm not held by my own strength.
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus — he's never let me down. He's faithful in every season, so why would He fail now?

He won't. He won't. He won't fail. He won't fail. He won't. He won't. He won't fail. He won't fail.

Rain came, wind blew — but my house was built on you. I'm safe with you; I'm gonna make it through. (x3)

Yeah, I'm gonna make it through — 'cause I'm standing strong on you. Yeah, I'm gonna make it through — 'cause my house is built on you.

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*SCRIPTURE

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

Linda Civallero

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

MESSAGE

Come, Lord Jesus

Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Davis

*SONG OF INVITATION

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

UMH 340

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Sylvia Kiboko, Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh, Rev. Steven Newcomb,

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Rev. Lance Richards, and Rev. Amanda Davis

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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!

...as we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

How Great Thou Art

Dan Forrest

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Dr. Terry Morris, Soloist

O Lord, my God! O Lord, How great thou art!

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 pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

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 mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze, then sings my soul, 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, how great thou art. O Lord, my God, 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!

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: O Lord my God, how great thou art!

*THE LORD'S PRAYER (SUNG)

The Lord's Prayer

arr. Albert Hay Malotte

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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.

AN ORDER OF FAREWELL FOR PASTOR LANCE

Charlotte Newton & Brant Wallace

...all that I have learned here.

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister at A&M United Methodist Church. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave with your departure.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh, Rev. Steven Newcomb, & Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Firm Foundation
Anthony Rogers

A. Davis, C. Moore, C. Carnes

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POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
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arr. Virgil Fox

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