

SERVICE OF THE WORD | PENTECOST SUNDAY
First United Methodist Church of Houston, Downtown Campus
June 8, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	Great is the Lord Copyright 1986, Meadowgreen Music Co.	<i>arr. Fred Bock</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP	God of Love and God of Power (vs. 1 & 4)	UMH 578
	God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.	
	God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour; offering lives if it's thy will, keeping free our spirits still. God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.	
*WELCOME		Dr. Brant Wallace
*OPENING PRAYER		Dr. Brant Wallace
*HYMN OF WELCOME	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (vs. 1-5, 7)	UMH 57
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Red, White and Blue Jeans	Greg Krause
OFFERING PRAYER		Dr. Brant Wallace
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	The Power of the Cross Copyright 2005, Thank You Music Sanctuary Choir O to see the dawn of the darkest day; Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood. This, the power of the cross: Christ became sin for us. Took the blame; bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross. Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows his head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life. "Finished!" the victory cry. This, the power of the cross. Christ became sin for us. Took the blame, bore the wrath. We stand forgiven at the cross. This, the power of the cross. Son of God, Christ was slain for us. O to see my name written in the wounds for through your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death. Life is mine to live, won through your selfless love! This, the power of the cross. Son of God, slain for us. What a love, what a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.	<i>arr. Mark Hayes</i>
*DOXOLOGY	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!	
INVITATION FOR CONFIRMANDS TO COME FORWARD		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
*HYMN OF INVITATION	Holy Spirit, Come Confirm Us (V. 1-2)	UMH 331
	Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known; we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone. Holy Spirit, come console us, come as advocate to plead; loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.	
SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT & CONFIRMATION		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh & Courtney Hutchins
Names of Candidates	Abigail Neema Kitutu and Alisha Marie M Kitutu	
RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH		
	Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?	
	We do.	

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Abigail and Alisha in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Abigail and Alisha with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life eternal.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

COMMENDATION & WELCOME

... confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and of First Methodist Houston we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in and build up the mission and ministries of the church by offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Holy Spirit, Come Confirm Us (VS. 3-4)

UMH 331

Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live; holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One, Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Holy Spirit

Bryan & Katie Torwalt

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VERSE 1: There's nothing worth more that will ever come close; no thing can compare— you're our living hope: your presence.

VERSE 2: I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves, where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone: your presence, Lord.

CHORUS: Holy Spirit, you are welcome here. Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.

Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for— to be overcome by your presence, Lord. (*sing Verse 1& Verse 2, sing Chorus twice*)

BRIDGE: Let us become more aware of your presence. Let us experience the glory of your goodness.

(Sing Bridge twice; Sing Chorus twice)

*SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

Brynn Peugnet, Tallis Peugnet, Anna Kargbo

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

MESSAGE

Heirs of the Spirit

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Brant Wallace

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Dr. Brant Wallace

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. Dr. Eric Pugh

*HYMN OF BLESSING

O Spirit of the Living God

UMH 539

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Dr. Brant Wallace & Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1)

UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thy ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour (of this hour), for the facing of this hour.

*Please stand as you are able.

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