

SERVICE OF THE WORD | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
First United Methodist Church of Houston, Downtown Campus
June 22, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

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| PRELUDE | Fugue in D Major, BWV 532 (PDM) | <i>J. S. Bach</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 | | Rev. Amanda Davis |
| *OPENING PRAYER | | Rev. Amanda Davis |
| *HYMN OF WELCOME | Give to the Winds Thy Fears | UMH 129 |
| LIFE OF THE CHURCH | Summer Camp Celebration & Youth Mission Trip Consecration | Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh & Rev. Amanda Davis |
| OFFERING PRAYER | | Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh |
| OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD | | Congregation |
| MINISTRY IN MUSIC | O The Blood Copyright 2010, 2013, Gateway Create Pub. Sanctuary Choir; Bridget Bellach, Soloist | <i>Heather Sorenson</i> |
| O, the blood, crimson love, price of life's demand; shameful sin, placed on Him, the Hope of every man. O, the blood of Jesus washes me; O the blood of Jesus shed for me. What a sacrifice that saved my life, O, the blood, it is my victory. Savior, Son, Holy One, slain so I can live; O, see the Lamb, the great I Am, who takes away my sin. O, the blood of Jesus washes me; O, the blood of Jesus shed for me. Sacrifice that saved my life; O, the blood, it is my victory! O! And O, the blood of the Lamb, O, the precious healing blood, The blood of the Lamb, it washes every sin. O, the blood of the Lamb, the precious blood of the Lamb. What a sacrifice that saved my life; O, the blood, it is my victory. O what love, no greater love; grace how can it be that in my sin, yes, even then, He shed His blood for me. O, the blood of Jesus washes me; O the blood of Jesus shed for me. What a sacrifice that saved my life, O, the blood of Jesus, O, the blood, it is my victory. | | |
| *DOXOLOGY | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow | UMH 95 |
| Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. | | |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | The Apostle's Creed | UMH 881 Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh |
| I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and 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, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. | | |
| *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 | | Courtney Hutchins |
| *HYMN OF PREPARATION | 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) Copyright 2011 Atlas Mountain Songs sixsteps Music ThankYou Music Ltd. worshiptogether.com songs Jacob Moore, Song Leader | <i>Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman</i> |
| Chorus: Bless the Lord, oh my soul — oh my soul, worship his holy name. Sing like never before — oh my soul, I'll worship your holy name. | | |

*Verse 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. It's time to sing your song again.
 Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me; let me be singing when the evening comes. (sing chorus)*

*Verse 2: You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
 For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing — ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (sing chorus)*

*Verse 3: And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come.
 Still my soul will sing your praise unending —ten thousand years and then forevermore! (sing chorus twice)*

*Tag: Worship Your holy name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
 Sing like never before — O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name.
 Worship Your holy name. Worship Your holy name.*

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| *SCRIPTURE | 1 Kings 19:1-15a | Rev. Steven Newcomb |
| The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God! | | |

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| MESSAGE | In the Spirit’s Care | Rev. Steven Newcomb |
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| PASTORAL PRAYER | | Rev. Amanda Davis |
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| 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. | | |

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| INVITATION TO THE ALTAR | | Rev. Steven Newcomb |
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| *HYMN OF BLESSING | Leaning on the Everlasting Arms | UMH 133 |
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| *STEP FORWARD IN FAITH | Rev. Steven Newcomb, Rev. Amanda Davis, & Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh | |
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| *BENEDICTION | | Rev. Steven Newcomb |
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| *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. | | |

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| POSTLUDE | Toccata in Seven Copyright 1976, Oxford University Press | John Rutter |
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*Please stand as you are able.

CRADLE CROSS
 The cradle cross on the altar today is In honor of Janet Iliana Sledge Espinal born on June 6, 2025
 to Isa and Chad Sledge, and proud grandparents Ron Sledge & Virginia Pittman-Waller.

ALTAR FLOWERS
 The flowers on the altar in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of Loyd Hurst by his wife Dawn, in celebration of his birthday.

CHAPEL FLOWERS
 The flowers in the Chapel today are given in loving memory of Bill Edwards, by David Lin & Lina Soo.

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