

SERVICE OF THE WORD | SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
First United Methodist Church of Houston, Downtown Campus
April 27, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus Copyright 1963 , Singspiration	<i>arr. Harold DeCou</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v. 1) 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.	UMH 155
*WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
*OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Thine Be the Glory	UMH 308
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	MyFMHouston & Tuesday Bible Study	Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Crown Him, the Risen King Copyright 2006, Lorenz Publishing Company Sanctuary Choir All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing: "Christ is risen! Christ is risen!" O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! His Kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb up on the throne. Hark! how the heavn'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save; his glories now we sing who died and rose on high, who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die. All creatures of our God and King "Christ is risen! Christ is risen!" Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!	<i>Lloyd Larson</i>
*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
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Nicene Creed	UMH 880 Rev. Ken Coneby
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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, and his kingdom will have no end. 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
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Courtney Hutchins
*SONG OF PREPARATION	Up from the Grave He Arose	UMH 322
*SCRIPTURE	Revelation 1:4-8	Rev. Amanda Davis
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!		
MESSAGE	Grace and Peace	Rev. Lance Richards
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Ken Coneby
THE LORD’S PRAYER (SPOKEN)		Rev. Ken Coneby
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
*SONG OF INVITATION	He Lives	UMH 310
*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh, Rev. Amanda Davis, Rev. Lance Richards, & Rev. Ken Coneby
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lance Richards
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Christ is Alive (v. 5)	UMH 318
Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age. till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.		
POSTLUDE	We Will Glorify (Toccata Brillante) Copyright 1993, Singspiration	<i>arr. Fred Bock</i>
*Please stand as you are able.		
ALTAR FLOWERS		
The chancel flowers today are given by Sandra Miller in memory of her husband, Charles Miller.		

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