SERVICE OF THE WORD | FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT First United Methodist Church of Houston, Downtown Campus March 30, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Hymn Medley arr. Marvin Gaspard

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*CALL TO WORSHIP Give Me Jesus (v. 1 & Refrain) W&S 3140

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

*WELCOME Rev. Ken Coneby

*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Ken Coneby

*HYMN OF WELCOME Go, Make of all Disciples UMH 571

LIFE OF THE CHURCH GO Ministries Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC O Sacred Head arr. Craig Courtney

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Sanctuary Choir

O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down, now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown:
How pale thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn! How does that visage languish which once was bright as morn!
What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain; mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place; look on me with thy favor, vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,

for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end? O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be, Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee. Lord, be my consolation; shield me when I must die; Remind me of Thy Passion when my last hour draws nigh these eyes, new faith receiving, from Thee shall never move;

for those who die believing die safely in thy love.

*OFFERING RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 4)

UMH 298

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

Rev. Steven Newcomb

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.

TIME FOR CHILDREN Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Here I Am, Lord UMH 593

*SCRIPTURE Matthew 9:35-38 & Matthew 28:18-20 Rev. Ken Coneby & Rev. Steven Newcomb

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

MESSAGE Go Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Steven Newcomb

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Steven Newcomb

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 Build My Life B. Younker, K. Marrin,

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Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing. Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring. Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you. We live for you.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name. Jesus the only one who could ever save. Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you. We live for you.

Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you.

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who you are and fill me with your heart and lead me in your love to those around me.

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name. Jesus the only one who could ever save. Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe. We live for you. We live for you.

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Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who you are and fill me with your heart and lead me in your love to those around me.

I will build my life upon your love; it is a firm foundation. I will put my trust in you alone, and I will not be shaken.

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*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Rev. Amanda Davis, Rev. Steven Newcomb, & Rev. Ken Comeby

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

Build My Life (Chorus)

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Holy, there is no one like you, there is none beside you.

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who you are and fill me with your heart and lead me in your love to those around me.

*Please stand as you are able.

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