## SERVICE OF THE WORD TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST |

## First United Methodist Church, Houston | West Campus Traditional Service November 17, 2024 | 9:00 am | Hinson Chapel

PRELUDE Amazing Grace arr. by George Shearing

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Where Charity and Love Prevail (vs. 1-2, 5) UMH 549 Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

\*WELCOME Rev. Steven Newcomb

\*HYMN OF WELCOME The Church of Christ, in Every Age UMH 589 (to the tune 427: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life [GERMANY])

The church of Christ, in every age beset by change but Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

For he alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood, and teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord, to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Advent & Christmas Preview Rev. Steven Newcomb & Stewardship Update Rev. Lance Richards

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC I Am Not My Own by Craig Courtney
Sanctuary Choir

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, In life, nor even death.
I am not my own, I am not my own.
I belong unto my faithful Savior,
Jesus Christ. I am not my own.

I am not my own, I am not my own, not in body, not in soul, in life, nor even death.

I am not my own, I am not my own. His own blood has ransomed me,

from evil set me free. I am not my own.

For my salvation all things work together, in eternal life He gives me hope.

By the power of His Holy Spirit, I will live for Him.  $\,$ 

I am not my own, I am not my own.

I belong unto my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.
I belong to Him, In life, in death,
my only comfort, I belong to Him.

I will live for Him, forever and ever, forever more.

\*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 Apostles' Creed, MH 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.

\*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 (LIVE)

Janet Galindo

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Let Us Plead for Faith Alone

**UMH 385** 

Let us plead for faith alone, faith which by our works is shown; God it is who justifies, only faith the grace applies.

Active faith that lives within, conquers hell and death and sin, hallows whom it first made whole, forms the Savior in the soul.

Let us for this faith contend, sure salvation is the end; heaven already is begun, everlasting life is won.

Only let us persevere till we see our Lord appear, never from the Rock remove, saved by faith which works by love.

\*SCRIPTURE James 2:14-26 Rev. Lance Richards

The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE Faith & Works 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

\*HYMN OF BLESSING God of Grace and God of Glory

**UMH 577** 

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

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! fears and doubts too long have bound us; free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore; let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Steven Newcomb & Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Help Us Accept Each Other (v. 3)

**UMH 560** 

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved, In living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

\*POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory

arr. by Joel Raney

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

ORGANIST
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<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able.