

SERVICE OF THE WORD | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
First United Methodist Church of Houston, Downtown Campus
June 29, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	In the Garden and Count Your Blessings Copyright 1993, Birnamwood Publications	arr. Dan Miller
*CALL TO WORSHIP	God of Love and God of Power (vs. 1 & 4) 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.	UMH 578
*WELCOME		Anthony Rogers
*OPENING PRAYER		Anthony Rogers
*SONG OF WELCOME	O God, Our Help in Ages Past	UMH 117
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Modern Service Design Team	Anthony Rogers
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Steven Newcomb
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	What a Beautiful Name Copyright 2016, Hillsong Music Publishing Sanctuary Choir; Kammi Estelle, Soloist You were the Word at the beginning; one with God, the Lord Most High. Your hidden glory in creation now revealed in You our Christ. What a beautiful name it is: the name of Jesus Christ my King. What a beautiful name it is, nothing compares to this. What a beautiful name it is: the name of Jesus. You didn't want heaven without us, so Jesus, You brought heaven down. My sin was great – Your love was greater. What could separate us now? What a wonderful name it is. Death could not hold You. The veil tore before You. You silence the boast of sin and grave. The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, for You are raised to life again. Jesus, You have no rival! You have no equal! Now and forever, God, You reign! Jesus! Yours is the kingdom! Yours is the glory! Yours is the name above all names! Jesus. What a powerful name it is. What a powerful name it is. The name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is: the name of Jesus. You have no rival! You have no equal! Now and forever, God, You reign! Jesus! Yours is the kingdom! Yours is the glory! Yours is the name above all names! Jesus. What a powerful name it is: The name of Jesus Christ my King. What a powerful name it is, nothing can stand against. What a powerful name it is: the name of Jesus. What a powerful, wonderful, beautiful name. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus.	arr. Joseph Martin
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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.	UMH 95
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostle's Creed 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.	UMH 881 Rev. Steven Newcomb
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father 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.	UMH 70
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Courtney Hutchins

*SONG OF PREPARATION

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VERSE 1: The atmosphere is changing now, for the Spirit of the Lord is here.

The evidence is all around, that the Spirit of the Lord is here.

CHORUS: Overflow in this place, fill our hearts with your love — your love surrounds us.

You're the reason we came: to encounter your love. Your love surrounds us. (*sing verse 1*) (*sing chorus twice*)

BRIDGE: Spirit of God, fall fresh on us — we need your presence.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, here as in heaven. (*repeat bridge*)

VERSE 2: A miracle can happen now, for the Spirit of the Lord is here.

The evidence is all around, that the Spirit of the Lord is here. (*repeat verse 2*)

*SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Rev. Amanda Davis

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

MESSAGE

Led by the Spirit: A Life of Freedom and Purpose

Rev. Amanda Davis

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. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF BLESSING

They Will Know That We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS 2223

VERSE 1: We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity will one day be restored:

REFRAIN: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

VERSE 2: We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (*sing refrain*)

VERSE 3: We will work with each other, we will work side by side, we will work with each other, we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride: (*sing refrain*)

VERSE 4: All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (*sing refrain*)

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Steven Newcomb & Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Amanda Davis

*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.

POSTLUDE

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Richard Purvis

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given by Joyce Harris in memory of her mother,
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