SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service August 4, 2024| 11:00 am | Sanctuary

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PRELUDE	Fantasia on To God Be the Glory	by Michael Bukhardt
So loved he the wor who yielded his life	To God Be the Glory (v1; refrain) , great things he hath done! Id that he gave us his Son, an atonement for sin, gate that all may go in.	UMH 98
Praise the Lord, prai O come to the Fathe	ord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear ise the Lord, let the people rejoice! er thru Jesus the Son, ory, great things he hath done!	r his voice!
*WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Davis
all on earth thy scep	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name thy name; Lord of all, we bow before oter claim; all in heaven above adore th nain; everlasting is thy reign.	
cherubim and serap	tial hymn angel choirs above are raisin him, in unceasing chorus praising, 1 sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord.	g;
prophets swell the g	in joins thy sacred name to hallow; glad refrain, and the white-robed mart et of sun, through the church the song	
though in essence o	on, Holy Spirit: three we name thee, nly one; undivided God we claim thee, ne knee while we own the mystery.	,
on the cross thy dyi	sting from death, Son of God, as Savio ng breath opened wide the realm of he and thou art set at God's right hand.	-
help thy servants, d	rilt appear, Savior, who hast died to wi rawing near; Lord, renew our hearts w saints we may dwell in everlasting day	vithin us.
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	VBC Celebration	Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO) GOD	Congregation
Dedicated to Ca I come t and the v And he walks v and the joy He speaks, and and the And he walks v and the joy I'd stay in th but he bids And he walks v	In the Garden anctuary Choir; Jonathan Moore, Solois rol and Morris Tardiff by their granddau o the garden alone, while the dew is sti voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son o with me, and he talks with me, and he t we share as we tarry there, none othe the sound of his voice is so sweet the b melody that he gave to me within my h with me, and he talks with me, and he t we share as we tarry there, none othe te garden with him, though the night ar me go; though the voice of woe his voi- with me, and he talks with me, and he t we share as we tarry there, none othe none other has ever known, ever known	ughter, Sara Schumann ill on the roses, f God discloses. cells me I am his own, r has ever known. birds hush their singing neart is ringing. cells me I am his own, r has ever known. round me is falling, ce to me is calling. cells me I am his own, r has ever known,
*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from who	-	Flow UMH 95

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE	Rev. Lance Richards		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Lance Richards Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.			
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Leader: Hear the good newsin the name of Jesus Christ, People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Leader and People: Glory to God. Amen.	Rev. Lance Richards you are forgiven!		
*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE Because He Lives (Refrain) <i>Refrain:</i> Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone, because I know he holds t and life is worth the living just because he lives.	UMH 364 he future,		
TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE)	Courtney Hutchins		
*HYMN OF PREPARATION All Who Love and Serve Your City All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress, all who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who blo	UMH 433		
In your day of loss and sorrow, in your day of helpless strife, honor, peace, and love retreating, seek the Lord, who is your life. In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,			
call to mind the word of Jesus, "Work ye yet while it is day."			
For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still, drawing near to all who spurn him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.			
Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair? Come today, our Judge, our Glory, be its name, "The Lord is there!"			
*SCRIPTURE 2 Peter 3:8-15a The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!	Rev. Lance Richards		
MESSAGE I Believe in Jesusfrom Thence He Shall Come to Judge the Quick and the Dead	Rev. Lance Richards		
PASTORAL PRAYER	Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh		
*HYMN OF INVITATION My Lord, What a Morning <i>Refrain:</i> My Lord, what a morning; my Lord, what a morning; oh, my Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.	UMH 719		
You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (sing refrain)			
You'll hear the sinner moan, to wake the nations underground, looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (sing refrain)			
You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations undergro looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. (
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Amanda Davis, Rev. Lance Richards, Rev. Steven Newcomb , and Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh			
Leader: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you. Leader: Lift up your hearts! People: We lift them up to the Lord! Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! People: It is right to give our thanks and praise!	-		

Leader ...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Leader and People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Leader:...as we proclaim the mystery of the faith: Leader and People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Leader: ...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Leader and People: Amen. COMMUNION MUSIC All Because of the Wonderful Cross by Mary McDonald In memory of Carolyn Severs and in honor of Glen Severs Sanctuary Choir When I survey the wondrous cross where the Prine of Glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God. All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. On Calvary, he died on a tree. For me, he paid the cost. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet or thorns compose so rich a crown? On Calvary, he died on a tree. For me, he paid the cost. My song will be eternally all because o fthe wonderful cross. My song will be eternally all because of the wonderful cross, the wonderful cross! *THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG Albert Hay Malotte Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. *STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Amanda Davis, Rev. Dr .Eric Pugh, and Rev. Steven Newcomb *BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards *BENEDICTION RESPONSE We Believe in One True God (v. 2) UMH 85 We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, who descended from his throne and for us salvation won; by whose cross and death are we rescued from sin's misery. POSTLUDE **Festival Voluntary** by Flor Peeters *Please stand as you are able. ALTAR FLOWERS

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