## SERVICE OF THE WORD AND WATER PENTECOST AND CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

## First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service May 19, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

**PRELUDE** Have Thine Own Way, Lord arr. by Fred Bock and Come, Holy Spirit arr. by Mickelson and Wrytzen

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Majesty, Worship His Majesty **UMH 176** 

Majesty, worship his majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise. Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from his throne unto his own; his anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship his majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

\*WELCOME Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

\*HYMN OF WELCOME Come, Thou Almighty King **UMH 61** 

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise! Father all glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,

our prayer attend! Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend!

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence, evermore. Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Texas Annual Conference Rev. Lance Richards

**Disaster Recovery** 

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Fill-a Me Up by Pepper Choplin

Sanctuary Choir, Cairee Mayfield, Soloist

Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit. Fill-a me up to the top-a my soul. Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit. Fill-a me up now and take control.

Fill-a me up, come-a Spirit, come. Fill-a me up, Holy Spirit, O come.

So many things try to fill me up. Fill-a me up, come-a Spirit, come.

So many things try to weigh me down. Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit, come.

Fill-a my heart now until you stay. Fill-a me up, come-a Spirit, come.

And chase the other things away. Fill-a my heart, come-a Holy Spirit.

Now my heart is an open door. Fill-a me up, come-a Spirit, come. Here your Spirit is welcome, Lord. Fill-a me up, come-a Holy Spirit.

Fill-a my heart now and let it grow. Fill-a me up, come-a Spirit, come.

And change my life so all will know. Fill-a my heart, you come and fill-a me up, Fill-a me up now and take control. Fill-a my heart, come, Spirit.

Fill-a me up, fill-a me up!

\*OFFERING RESPONSE Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

**UMH 94** 

**UMH 331** 

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, 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!

INVITATION TO CONFIRMATION Rev. Lance Richards

\*HYMN OF INVITATION Holy Spirit, Come Confirm Us Holy Spirit, come, confirm us in the truth that Christ makes known; we have faith and understanding through your helping gifts alone.

Holy Spirit, come console us, come as advocate to plead; loving Spirit from the Father, grant in Christ the help we need.

Holy Spirit, come, renew us, come yourself to make us live; holy through your loving presence, holy through the gifts you give.

Holy Spirit, come, possess us, you the love of Three in One, Holy Spirit of the Father, Holy Spirit of the Son.

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Rev. Lance Richards and Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **We do.** 

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include *these persons* in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life eternal.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BAPTISMAL REMBRANCE + CONFIRMATION WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

RECEPTION OF NEW PROFESSING MEMBERS

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** 

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and of First Methodist Houston we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in and build up the mission and ministries of the church by offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

**BLESSING** 

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION

O For a Thousand

**UMH 57** 

Tongues to Sing (vs. 1-5, 7)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease; 'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and heath, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

\*SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-8, 12-24, 32-33, 36-39 Rev. Lance Richards

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

MESSAGE Receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

\*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE He Lives (Refrain) UMH 310

Refrain: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

POSTLUDE Grand Choeur by Theodore Dubois

\*Please stand as you are able.

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