

**SERVICE OF WATER AND THE WORD**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service  
June 16, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

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- PRELUDE "Once More, My Soul" and *arr. by George Shearing*  
"Jerusalem, My Happy Home"
- \*CALL TO WORSHIP To God Be the Glory (v. 1 & R) UMH 98  
**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!**  
**So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,**  
**who yielded his life an atonement for sin,**  
**and opened the lifegate that all may go in.**  
*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!*  
**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!**  
**O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,**  
**and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**
- \*WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis
- \*HYMN OF WELCOME All Praise to Thee, For Thou, O King Divine UMH 166  
**All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,**  
**didst yield the glory that of right was thine,**  
**that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:**  
*Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia!*  
**Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought;**  
**by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,**  
**and by thy death was God's salvation wrought: *(repeat refrain)***  
**Let this mind be in us which was in thee,**  
**who wast a servant, that we might be free,**  
**humbling thyself to death on Calvary: *(repeat refrain)***  
**Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou**  
**art high exalted o'er all creatures now,**  
**and given the name to which all knees shall bow: *(repeat refrain)***  
**Let every tongue confess with one accord**  
**in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;**  
**and God the Father be by all adored: *(repeat refrain)***
- BAPTISMAL CHORUS -Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1) UMH400  
**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;**  
**streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.**  
**Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.**  
**Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**
- SERVICE OF BAPTISMAL COVENANT Rev. Lance Richards,  
Eason Wang Miller and Jack William Scheel Courtney Hutchins,  
and Rev. Ann Spears
- INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE Rev. Lance Richards
- PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES Courtney Hutchins
- RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH Rev. Lance Richards  
*Congregation Responds:*  
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 Eason and Jack in your care?  
**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.**  
**We will surround Eason and Jack 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.**
- THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER Rev. Ann Spears  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.  
Eternal Father...may share in his final victory. **Amen.**
- BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS Rev. Lance Richards  
Eason Wang Miller | Jack William Scheel, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
Eason Wang Miller | Jack William Scheel, The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born again through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
- BAPTISM PRAYER Rev. Ann Spears

Loving God...through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMENTATION AND WELCOME

Rev. Lance Richards

Members of the household of God...

...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

Rev. Lance Richards

The God of all grace...that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

BAPTISMAL CHORUS - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (v. 3)

UMH 400

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Lance Richards

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Is He Worthy?

by Dan Forrest

Sanctuary Choir; Greg Moore and Amy Moore, Soloists

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain."

Do you feel the world is broken? We do. Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? We do.

Do you wish that you could see it all made new? We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is. Is a new creation coming? It is.

Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? It is.

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave, He is David's Root,  
and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

Is He worthy, Is He worthy? of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this? He is. Worthy is the Lamb.

Does the Father truly love us? He does. Does the Spirit move among us? He does.

And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? He does.

Does our God intend to dwell again with us? He does. He does.

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and  
the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

From every people and tribe, every nation and tongue,

He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? Is He worthy of this? He is!

Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is! He is.

\*OFFERING RESPONSE

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, UMH 881

Rev. Amanda Davis

**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)

Courtney Hutchins

**Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.**

**Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.**

## \*SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:5-11

Rev. Lance Richards

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

## MESSAGE

I Believe in Jesus Christ,  
His Only Son, Our Lord

Rev. Lance Richards

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Amanda Davis

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Rev. Amanda Davis

**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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

UMH 66

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to the throne thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore God's praises sing.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise the Lord for grace and favor to all people in distress;  
praise God, still the same as ever, slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious now God's faithfulness.**

**Fatherlike, God tends and spares us; well our feeble frame God knows;  
motherlike, God gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet God's mercy flows.**

**Angels in the heights, adoring, you behold God face to face;  
saints triumphant, now adoring, gathered in from every race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

## \*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis

## \*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

Toccata in Seven

*by John Rutter*

\*Please stand as you are able.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of Louise Hirsch Duke by Rick Files. She was a West Texas force of nature.

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

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