SERVICE OF THE WORD FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service June 23, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

UMH 98

PRELUDE God Will Take Care of You and arr. by Fred Bock

There's Something About that Name

*CALL TO WORSHIP To God Be the Glory (v. 1 & R)

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 Come, Christians, Join to Sing UMH 158

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
Praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore;

Singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Retirement Celebration Rev. Lance Richards

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Mercy Tree arr. by Bradley Knight

Sanctuary Choir; Taylor Surratt, Soloist

On a hill called Calvary there stands an endless mercy tree. Every broken weary soul, find your rest and be made whole.

Stripes of blood that stain its frame shed to wash away our shame.

From the scars, pure love released, salvation by the mercy tree.

In the sky between two thieves hung the blameless Prince of Peace,

Bruised and battered, scarred and scorned, sacred head pierced by our thorns.

"It is finished," was His cry. The perfect Lamb was crucified.

The sacrifice, our victory; our Savior chose the mercy tree.

Hope went dark that violent day. The whole earth quaked at Love's display.

Three days silent in the ground, this body born for heaven's crown.

On that bright and glorious day Heaven opened up the grave:

He's alive and risen indeed! O praise Him for the mercy tree!

Death has died, love has won. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Jesus Christ has overcome; He has risen from the dead.

One day soon we'll see His face and every tear, He'll wipe away.

No more pain or suffering: O praise Him for the mercy tree!

Death has died, love has won. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Jesus Christ has overcome; He has risen from the dead. Death has died, love has won. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ has overcome; He has risen from the dead!

*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 **UMH 881** 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 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

Rev. Amanda Davis

IIMH 96

UMH 70

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Savior of the Nations, Come **UMH 214** Savior of the nations, come; Virgin's Son, here make thy home! Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood; by the Spirit of our God was the Word of God made flesh, woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child of the Virgin undefiled! Human and divine in one, eager now his race to run!

God the Father is his source, back to God he runs his course; down to death and hell descends, God's high throne he reascends.

Now thy manger's halo bright hallows night with newborn light; let no night this light subdue, let our faith shine ever new.

*SCRIPTURE Colossians 1:15-20 Rev. Lance Richards The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.

I Believe in Jesus...Who Was Conceived Rev. Lance Richards MESSAGE

By the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

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 Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above Praise the Lord who reigns above and keeps his court below; praise the holy God of love and all his greatness show; praise him for his noble deeds, praise him for his matchless power; him from whom all good proceeds let earth and heaven adore.

Celebrate th' eternal God with harp and psaltery, timbrels soft and cymbals loud in this high praise agree; praise with every tuneful string; all the reach of heavenly art, all the powers of music bring, the music of the heart.

God, in whom they move and live, let every creature sing, glory to their Maker give, and homage to their King.
Hallowed be thy name beneath, as in heaven on earth adored; praise the Lord in every breath, let all things praise the Lord.

*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 Chorale Prelude: Savior of the Nations, Come, by J. S. Bach

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Vangie Mackintosh by her husband Pete Mackintosh & Family.

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^{*}Please stand as you are able.