SERVICE OF THE WORD EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service July 14, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE In the Garden and Count Your Blessings

by Dan Miller

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Revive Us Again (v. 1)

WHM 391

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of thy love, for Jesus who died and is now gone above. Hallelujah, thine the glory! Hallelujah, amen! Hallelujah, thine the glory! Revive us again.

*WELCOME Rev. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF WELCOME Heaven Medley UMH 733 and 701

UMH 733 VERSE 1:

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known; join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord and thus surround the throne, and thus surround the throne.

UMH 733 REFRAIN:

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

UMH 701 VERSE 1:

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus; sing his mercy and his grace. In the mansions bright and blessed he'll prepare for us a place.

UMH 701 REFRAIN:

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

UMH 701 VERSE 4:

Onward to the prize before us! Soon his beauty we'll behold; soon the pearly gates will open; we shall tread the streets of gold.

UMH 701 REFRAIN:

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

UMH 733 VERSE 4:

Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry; we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, we're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

UMH 733 REFRAIN:

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion; we're marching upward to Zion, the beautiful city of God.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Hurricane Beryl Relief Rev. Lance Richards

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Ain't No Grave by David Angerman

Sanctuary Choir

Shame is a prison as cruel as a grave.

Shame is a robber and he's come to take my name.

Oh, love is my redeemer lifting me up from the ground. Love is the power where my freedom song is found.

There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.

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When I hear that trumpet sound, I'm gonna rise up out of the ground.

There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. Oh, Oh.

Fear is a liar with a smooth and velvet tongue.

Fear is a tyrant, he's always tellin' me to run.

Oh, love is resurrection and love is a trumpet sound.

Love is my weapon, I'm gonna take my giants down. There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.

When I hear that trumpet sound, I'm gonna rise up out of the ground.

There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down. Oh, Ah.

Oh, there was a battle, a war between death and life.

And there on a tree the Lamb of God was crucified.

And He went on down to hell, He took back every key.

He rose up as a lion and He's settin' all the captives free.

There ain't no grave could hold his body down.

When He heard that trumpet sound, He rose up out of the ground.

There ain't no grave could hold His body down.

There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down.

*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 (Baptismal Version) **UMH 35** 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living 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.

*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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jesus Paid It All

WHM 236

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small, child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."

Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I where-by thy grace to claim; I will wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb. (sing refrain)

And when, before the throne, I stand in him complete, "Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat. (sing refrain)

*SCRIPTURE Romans 8:31-39 Rev. Lance Richards

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

MESSAGE I Believe in Jesus... Rev. Lance Richards

Who Descended to the Dead

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

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

WHM 179

I will sing of my Redeemer and his wondrous love to me; on the cruel cross he suffered, from the curse to set me free.

Refrain: Sing, O sing of my Redeemer! With his blood he purchased me; on the cross he sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.

I will tell the wondrous story, how my lost estate to save, in his boundless love and mercy, he the ransom freely gave. (sing refrain)

I will praise my dear Redeemer, his triumphant power I'll tell: how the victory he giveth over sin and death and hell. (sing refrain) I will sing of my Redeemer and his heavenly love to me; he from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with him to be. (sing refrain)

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

UMH 85

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Everybody Ought to Know

*Refrain: Everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know,

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Everybody ought to know who Jesus is. (sing refrain)

He's the Lily of the Valley; He's the bright and morning star.

He's the fairest of ten thousand. Everybody ought to know. (sing refrain)

POSTLUDE Go Down Moses by Gaspard and Hayes

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Mamie and James Manning on their anniversary, by their daughter, Sandra Miller.

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^{*}Please stand as you are able.