

SERVICE OF THE WORD
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service
July 28, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE *Shall We Gather at the River* *by Rob Landes*

***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. Dr. Eric Pugh*

***HYMN OF WELCOME** *Fly Away Medley* *arr. by Mark Hayes*
Kammi Estelle, Ben Barajas, Amy Moore,
Greg Moore, Jonah Moore; Jonathan Moore, Soloists
Jacob Moore, Guitar; Kim Burton, Tambourine;
Diajinae Harris, Spoons; Ren Bautista, Washboard

SOLOISTS

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away; When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away; I'll fly away.

CONGREGATION

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away, fly away, fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away, fly away, fly away.
I'll fly away, fly away, O glory, I'll fly away fly away, fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, O Lordy, I'll fly away, fly away.

WE'LL UNDERSTAND IT BETTER BY AND BY

Trials dark on every hand, and we cannot understand
All the ways that God would lead us to that blessed Promised Land;
But He'll guide us with His eye, and we'll follow till we die;
We will understand it better by and by.
By and by, Lord, when the morning comes,
When the blessed saints of God are gathered home;
We will tell the story, how we've overcome;
We will understand it better by and by.

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

When the roll is called up yonder, when the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.
I am bound for the Promised Land; I am bound for the Promised Land.
O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the Promised Land.

WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHIN' IN

O, when the saints go marching in, O, when the saints go marching in,
O, Lord I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in!

I'LL FLY AWAY REFRAIN

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah by and by, I'll fly away.

CHOIR ONLY

I'll fly away, fly away, Lord, I'll fly away,
O, I'll fly away Lord, when the morning comes, I'll fly away!

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Adult Discipleship
Fall Preview

Rev. Steven Newcomb

OFFERING PRAYER

Rev. Steven Newcomb

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC

Bye and Bye
Sanctuary Choir

arr. by Lari Goss

Well, bye and bye, when I reach that home beyond the sky
Where the wicked shall cease from troubling and the weary shall be at rest,
Every day will be Sunday bye and bye.
When I reach that city, city so bright and fair,
Tell all my friends and loved ones to welcome me up there.
I'll put on my long white robe, lay down my heavy load;
Every day will be Sunday bye and bye.
I'll take my cross and lay it down, pick up my robe and crown;
Every day will be Sunday bye and bye.
Every day, there's peace over there; there's joy over there;
There's hope over there. Every day will be Sunday bye and bye.
When the morning comes, when all the saints of God are gathering home,
We will tell the story how we've overcome! Every day will be Sunday bye and bye!

*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 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 When We All Get to Heaven UMH 701
**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.**

***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!**

**While we walk the pilgrim pathway, clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over, not a shadow, not a sigh. (*sing refrain*)**

**Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of him in glory will the toils of life repay. (*sing refrain*)**

**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.
(*sing refrain*)**

*SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:17-23, 2:4-7 Rev. Lance Richards
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE I Believe in Jesus...Who Ascended into Heaven and Sitteth at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Steven Newcomb

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Steven Newcomb
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 Marching to Zion UMH 733
**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.**

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

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King, but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad, may speak their joys abroad. (sing refrain)**

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields, before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets. (sing refrain)**

**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. (sing refrain)**

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Everybody ought to Know UMH 85
*Refrain: Everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know,
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 When In Our Music God is Glorified by Matt Limbaugh

*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DOWNTOWN	Courtney Hutchins
GUEST ORGANIST	Rob Landes
DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC	Dr. Terry Morris
CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND ADULT DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR	Rev. Steven Newcomb
FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR/ DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRY	Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
SENIOR PASTOR	Rev. Lance Richards
PIANIST	Jeremy Wood