SERVICE OF THE WORD

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | NIA SUNDAY

First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service August 25, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE Romanza de Amor Traditional Spanish Folk Melody

*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 floodgate 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. Lance Richards and Kathrin Meier

*HYMN OF WELCOME Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (V. 1,2,3,5) UMH 139
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigning bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly forever adore Him.

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Volunteering at NIA Kathrin Meier and NIA Fundraising Luncheon

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Santo, Holy arr. by John Dykes Sanctuary Choir

Santo, santo, Dios Omnipotente. Santo, santo, Dios en tres personas. Santo, santo, santo es el Señor. Dios Omnipotente, Bendita Trinidad.

> Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Santo, santo, santo,

Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

Santo, santo, santo, santo,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; Cheruim and seraphim falling down before thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
Holy, holy, holy, though the darkness hide thee,
Santo, santo, santo, santo,
Though the eye of sinful flesh thy glory may not see;
Only thou are holy, there is none beside thee,
Santo, santo, santo, santo,
perfect in power, In love and purity. Santo, holy!
Santo, Santo, Santo, Dios Omnipotente,
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Santo, Santo, Santo, Dios entres personas.
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Santo, santo, santo es el Señor. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
Dios Omnipotente, Bendita Trinidad.
God in three Persons, blessed trinity! Santo! Holy! Amen!

*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 Emilio Valdez
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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Jesu, Jesu UMH 432

Refrain: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. (Repeat Refrain)

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are near and far away. (Repeat Refrain)

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love; all these are neighbors to us and you. (Repeat Refrain)

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves; this is the way we should live with you. (Repeat Refrain)

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet, this is the way we should live with you. (Repeat Refrain)

*SCRIPTURE Romans 12:3-13 Lynne Hackedorn (English) and Carmen Garcia (Spanish)

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

MESSAGE Love in Action Rev. Lance Richards

and Kathrin Meier

UMH 70

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Lance Richards

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Daleyza De León

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 and Kathrin Meier

*HYMN OF BLESSING

Here I Am, Lord

UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright, Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them., They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (sing refrain)

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (sing refrain)

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Lance Richards and Kathrin Meier

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards and Kathrin Meier

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Here I Am, Lord (Refrain) **UMH 593** Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

POSTLUDE Danza Espagnola by Ramón Noble

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Iris Ann Schmidt for her upcoming birthday by her loving family.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

ORGANIST NIA CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NIA WOMEN'S AND FAMILY COORDINATOR NIA BOARD MEMBER DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DOWNTOWN **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBORS IN ACTION** DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC SENIOR PASTOR NIA CHILDREN'S PROGRAM **PIANIST**

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^{*}Please stand as you are able.