SERVICE OF THE WORD TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service October 20, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE Great is Thy Faithfulness arr. by Dan Miller

*CALL TO WORSHIP Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom (vs. 1 & 4) UMH 508 Faith, while trees are still in blossom, plans the picking of the fruit; faith can feel the thrill of harvest when the buds begin to sprout.

Faith, uplifted, turned the water of the undivided sea, and the people of the Hebrews found the path that made them free.

*WELCOME Dr. Brant Wallace

*HYMN OF WELCOME

My Hope is Built

UMH 368

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. (sing refrain)

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. (sing refrain)

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne! (sing refrain)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Thanksgiving in a Bag Dr. Brant Wallace

OFFERING PRAYER Dr. Brant Wallace

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC Walk Humbly with Your God by Joel Raney
Sanctuary Choir

What can I bring when I come before the Lord?
What gift, what offering, what perfect song to sing?
When I bow down before my God and King,
what can I offer, what can I bring?
Will the Lord be pleased if I offer my silver and gold,
if I bring ten thousand rivers, all the wealth that I hold?
If I offer up burnt offerings, all the precious things I own,

if I place all my treasure at the foot of God's throne? The Lord has shown you what is good.

No gift, no sacrifice is as great as God's command to strive for justice, to act with mercy, and to offer God the best that you can.

All that the Lord requires of you is to walk humbly with your God, to speak with kindness, to seek truth, to live and serve with mercy and compassion, and to walk humbly with your God.

All that the Lord expects of you, all that Lord requires of you to do is to walk humbly with your God.

*OFFERING RESPONSE Bless Thou the Gifts Bless thou the gifts our hands have brought;

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bless thou the work our hearts have planned. Ours is the faith, the will, the thought; the rest, O God, is in thy hand.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed, UMH 881 Dr. Brant Wallace
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,

TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE)

world without end. Amen. Amen.

Courtney Hutchins

Dr. Brant Wallace

*HYMN OF PREPARATION All My Hope is Firmly Grounded UMH 132
All my hope is firmly grounded in the great and living Lord;
who, whenever I most need him, never fails to keep his word.

God I must wholly trust, God the ever good and just.

Tell me, who can trust our nature, human, weak, and insecure? Which of all the airy castles can the hurricane endure? Built on sand, naught can stand by our earthly wisdom planned.

But in every time and season, out of love's abundant store, God sustains the whole creation, fount of life forevermore. We who share earth and air count on God's unfailing care.

Thank, O thank, our great Creator, thru God's only Son this day; God alone, the heavenly potter, made us out of earth and clay. Quick to heed, strong in deed, God shall all the people feed.

*SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 3:5-23 Rev. Amanda Davis

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

MESSAGE Grounded Rev. Amanda Davis

PASTORAL PRAYER Dr. Brant Wallace

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. Amanda Davis

*HYMN OF BLESSING Standing on the Promises UMH 374

Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on the promises of God.

(Refrain:) Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior; standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail, when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, by the living Word of God I shall prevail, standing on the promises of God. (Sing Refrain)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by love's strong cord, overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword, standing on the promises of God. (Sing Refrain)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the promises of God. (Sing Refrain)

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

*BENEDICTION Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (v. 4)

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Rev. Amanda Davis

As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew, children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you. May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor well begun. Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one.

POSTLUDE Toccata in B minor Eugene Gigout

ALTAR FLOWERS

"The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of my precious Carolyn and our 44 years of marriage, by Glen Severs.

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^{*}Please stand as you are able.