

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
**TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY | THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
**First United Methodist Church, Houston**  
**West Campus Traditional Service - 9:00 am - Hinson Chapel | Downtown Campus Traditional Service - 11:00 am - Sanctuary**  
**November 24, 2024**

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PRELUDE	Be Thou My Vision and Cleanse Me, arranged by Don Wyrzten Copyright 2004, FJH Music Company (9:00) All Creatures of Our God and King, arranged by Joel Raney Copyright 2012, Hope Publishing (11:00)	
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Where Charity and Love Prevail	UMH 549 (vs. 1-2, 6)
	<b>Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.</b>	
	<b>With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.</b>	
	<b>Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's name; our common life embraces all whose Maker is the same.</b>	
*WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00) Rev. Steven Newcomb (11:00)
*HYMN OF WELCOME	All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name	UMH 155
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Agape Market & Advent Invitation	Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00) Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00) Rev. Steven Newcomb (11:00)
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Lead On, O King Eternal Copyright 1988, Tarzana Music Sanctuary Choir	<i>Diane Bish</i>
	Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come; henceforth in fields of conquest your tents shall be our home. Through days of preparation your grace has made us strong; and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song. Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease, and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace. For not with swords' loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums; with deeds of love and mercy the heavenly kingdom comes. Lead on, O King, lead on, O King, lead on. Lead on, O King eternal, we follow, not with fears, for gladness breaks like morning where'er your face appears. Your cross is lifted o'er us, we journey in its light; the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might. Lead on, lead on.	
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow	UMH 95
	<b>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.</b>	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	UMH 881
	<b>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.</b>	Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00) Rev. Steven Newcomb (11:00)
*GLORIA PATRI	Glory Be to the Father	UMH 70
	<b>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.</b>	
TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE)		Janet Galindo (9:00) Courtney Hutchins (11:00)
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	For the Fruits of This Creation (Tune - UMH 688: God, That Madest Earth and Heaven)	UMH 97

*SCRIPTURE	Galatians 3: 23-29	Rev. Lance Richards
The Word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
MESSAGE	Us & Them	Rev. Lance Richards
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00) Rev. Steven Newcomb (11:00)
THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)		UMH 895
<b>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.</b>		Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00) Rev. Steven Newcomb (11:00)
INVITATION TO THE ALTAR		Rev. Lance Richards
*HYMN OF BLESSING	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come	UMH 694
*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH		Rev. Amanda Davis & Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) Rev. Steven Newcomb & Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Lance Richards
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Help Us Accept Each Other	UMH 560 (v. 4)
<b>Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!</b>		
*POSTLUDE	Allegro Maestoso, by Felix Mendelssohn public domain	
*Please stand as you are able.		

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar in the Downtown Sanctuary today are given in memory of Billie Manning Cox, by her sister, Sandra Miller.

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