

**SERVICE OF THE WORD | SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**First United Methodist Church, Houston**  
**Downtown Campus Traditional Service - 11:00 am - Sanctuary**  
**January 19, 2025**

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PRELUDE	Symphony of Spirituals Copyright 2001; Hope Publishing	Joel Raney
*CALL TO WORSHIP	O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1-3)	UMH 117
	<b>O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!</b>	
	<b>Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.</b>	
	<b>Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.</b>	
*WELCOME		Virginia Pittman-Waller
*HYMN OF WELCOME	My Hope is Built	UMH 368
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	All Church Worship and Church Conference	Virginia Pittman-Waller & Rev. Steven Newcomb
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Steven Newcomb
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Precious Lord, Take My Hand Copyright 1995, Unichappell Music, Inc. Sanctuary Choir	arr. Jack Schrader
	Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious lord, lead me home. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.	
*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 Apostle's Creed	UMH 881 Virginia Pittman-Waller
	<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>	
*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		Courtney Hutchins
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	How Firm a Foundation	UMH 529
*SCRIPTURE	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14	Virginia Pittman-Waller
	The Word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
MESSAGE	A Future with Hope	Rev. Steven Newcomb

CALL TO PRAYER

We Shall Overcome (vs. 1, 2, & 5)

UMH 533

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome someday!**

**Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!**

**We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand someday!**

**Oh, deep in my heart I do believe we'll walk hand in hand someday!**

**The Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through, the Lord will see us through someday!**

**Oh, deep in my heart I do believe the Lord will see us through someday!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Steven Newcomb

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

UMH 895

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done**

Rev. Steven Newcomb

**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. Steven Newcomb

\*HYMN OF BLESSING

Leaning On the Everlasting Arms

UMH 133

\*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Virginia Pittman-Waller & Rev. Steven Newcomb

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Steven Newcomb

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Be Thou My Vision (v. 2)

UMH 451

**By thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;**

**thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

\*POSTLUDE

Toccata on We Shall Overcome

*Carl Haywood*

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