

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE | THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

First United Methodist Church, Houston

Downtown Campus | Sanctuary

January 26, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE	Jubilate Copyright 2017, GIA Publications Inc.	<i>Fela Sowande</i>
*CALL TO WORSHIP	We Are Marching in the Light of God (Siyahamba), TFWS 2235-b Copyright 1994, Hope Publishing Co. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos' siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'. We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God. Siyahamba, oo, siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenhos'. We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God. We are marching, oo, we are marching in the light of God.	Rev. Sylvia Kiboko
*WELCOME		Rev. Ken Coneby
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Great is Thy Faithfulness	UMH 140
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Church Conference	Rev. Lance Richards
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	City Called Heaven Copyright 1994; Plymouth Music Company, Inc. Sanctuary Choir, Cairee Mayfield, Soloist I am a pilgrim, a pilgrim of sorrow. I'm left in this wide world, this wide world alone! Ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home. I am a poor pilgrim, a poor pilgrim of sorrow, I'm left in this old wide world, this old wide world alone! Oh, I ain't got no hope, got no hope for tomorrow. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home. Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn, Oh I heard of a city, of a city called heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home. Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn, Oh I heard of a city, of a city called heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home. Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn, Oh I heard of a city, of a city called heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home. Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven. Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn, Oh I heard of a city, of a city called heaven. I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.	<i>Josephine Poelinitz</i>
*DOXOLOGY	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow 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.	UMH 95
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed 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.	UMH 881
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Janet Galindo & Courtney Hutchins
*SCRIPTURE	Acts 2:1-12 The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!	Rev. Lance Richards
SERMON	The Power of Pentecost	Rev. Lance Richards
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE	Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.	Rev. Lance Richards
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved you with our whole hearts. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will; we have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	Rev. Lance Richards

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Lance Richards

Hear the good news...in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God! **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

...as we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

...all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

Rev. Steven Newcomb, Rev. Amanda Davis,

Rev. Lance Richards, Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh,

Rev. Sylvia Kiboko, & Rev. Ken Coneby

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN)

Rev. Steven Newcomb & Congregation

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from

evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

COMMUNION MUSIC

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Matt Redman

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Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul. Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, oh my soul.

I'll worship Your Holy name. The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me

let me be singing, when the evening comes. Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul.

Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name. You're rich in love and You're slow to anger

Your name is great and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing.

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul.

Worship His Holy name. Sing like never before, oh my soul. I'll worship Your Holy name.

Oh my soul I'll worship Your Holy name. And on that day when my strength is failing the end draws near

and my time has come still my soul will sing Your praise unending Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul. Worship His Holy name; sing like never before oh my soul.

I'll worship Your Holy name, I'll worship Your Holy name.

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Great Is Thy Faithfulness (refrain)

UMH 140

Refrain: **Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies I see;**

all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

POSTLUDE

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arr. Marianne Kim

*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Martha Davis on her 105th birthday,
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