

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE | FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

First United Methodist Church, Houston

West Campus Traditional Service - 9:00 am - Hinson Chapel | Downtown Campus Traditional Service - 11:00 am - Sanctuary

February 2, 2025

PRELUDE	Hymn Medley Copyright 1992, Lillenas Publishing Company Shall We Gather at the River Copyright 2004, Hope Publishing Company	Roy Brunner (9:00) arr. Joel Raney (11:00)
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Jesus Calls Us (v. 1) Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea; day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me!"	UMH 398
*WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan (9:00) Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	UMH 381
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Strategic Plan Implementation	Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) Rev. Steven Newcomb (11:00)
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan (9:00) Rev. Steven Newcomb (11:00)
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Lonesome Valley Copyright 2012, Hal Leonard Corporation and Hal Leonard-Milwin Music Corp. Sanctuary Choir; Kris Rodriguez, Keenan Kelley, and Diajinae Harris, Soloists Jesus walked, yes he walked, Jesus walked that lonesome valley for me, don't ya know? Jesus climbed, yes, he climbed, Jesus climbed the hill of sorrow for me, don't ya know? Don't ya know that walkin' up that trail of tears, Jesus stumbles on the road. On his back he carries our fears, on his back, there's such a dreary, weary load. Jesus bore the cross for sinners, yes, for sinners like you and me. don't ya know? Jesus walked, yes, he walked, Jesus walked that lonesome valley for me. Don't ya know? Oh, yes, he walked that lonesome valley for me. Oh, yes, he walked that lonesome valley for you and me.	Brad Nix
*OFFERING RESPONSE	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
*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE		Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) Rev. Amanda Davis (11:00)
*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 (9:00) Rev. Amanda Davis (11:00)
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	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.	Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) Rev. Amanda Davis (11:00)
*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE	Because He Lives (Refrain) Refrain: Because he lives, I can face tomorrow; because he lives, all fear is gone, because I know he holds the future, and life is worth the living just because he lives.	UMH 364
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Janet Galindo (9:00) Courtney Hutchins (11:00)
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	Sweet Hour of Prayer	UMH 496
*SCRIPTURE	Nehemiah 1:1-11, 2:1-8 The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God!	Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) Rev. Amanda Davis (11:00)
MESSAGE	Clarity	Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) Rev. Amanda Davis (11:00)
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan (9:00) Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)
*HYMN OF INVITATION	Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy	UMH 340

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan & Rev. Lance Richards & (9:00)
Rev. Amanda Davis, Rev. Steven Newcomb & Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Call to Remembrance

Joseph Martin

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Sanctuary Choir; Nathan Ponder, Soloist (9:00); Cole Jones, Soloist (11:00)
On the very night he was betrayed, Jesus took and broke the bread.
On the very night he was betrayed, Jesus took and blessed the wine.

On the very night he was betrayed, Jesus took the wine and bread, giving thanks to God he said: remember me.
Take and eat this bread. Come and drink this wine. Do this in remembrance of me.
This bread is my body. This wine is my blood. My life is given for you.
Take and eat this bread. Come now and drink this wine. Do this in remembrance of me.
Come and eat; come and drink. Remember me.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG

The Lord's Prayer

arr. Albert Hay Malotte

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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.

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*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Dr. Charles Millikan & Rev. Lance Richards (9:00)
Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh & Rev. Steven Newcomb (11:00)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) | Rev. Amanda Davis (11:00)

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Take My Life, and Let It Be (v. 1)

UMH 399

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

POSTLUDE

Fantasia

Denis Bedard

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*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

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