

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE | TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

First United Methodist Church, Houston

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

March 2, 2025

PRELUDE	Variations on the hymntune "St Peter" Copyright 1992, Lillenas Publishing Company	Roy Brunner
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Jesus Calls Us (v. 5) <b>Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.</b>	UMH 398
*WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00) Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh & Rev. Tabitha Mock (11:00)
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Hymn of Promise	UMH 707
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:00 A.M. ONLY)		Rev. Lance Richards (9:00)
	Members of the household of God, I commend <i>these persons</i> to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase <i>their</i> faith, confirm <i>their</i> hope, and perfect <i>them</i> in love.  <b>We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of and of First Methodist Houston we renew our covenant to faithfully participate in and build up the mission and ministries of the church by offering our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.</b>	
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Joining Together in Our Next Season	Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00)   Rev. Tabitha Mock (11:00)
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Create in Me a Clean Heart Copyright 2013, Lorenz Publishing Company Sanctuary Choir Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy Spirit, O Lord. Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me, O God. Create in me a clean heart.	Victor Johnson
*OFFERING RESPONSE	Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow <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>	UMH 95
*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE		Rev. Lance Richards (9:00)   Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION	<b>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.</b>	Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00)   Rev. Tabitha Mock (11:00)
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS	Hear the good news... ...in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! <b>In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!</b> <i>Glory to God. Amen.</i>	Rev. Lance Richards (9:00)   Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)
*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE	Because He Lives (Refrain) <b>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.</b>	UMH 364
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Janet Galindo (9:00)   Courtney Hutchins (11:00)
*HYMN OF PREPARATION	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	UMH 89
*SCRIPTURE	Nehemiah 8:10, 12:27-28a, 30-31, 38a, 40-41a, 42b-43 The word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00) Rev. Tabitha Mock (11:00)
MESSAGE	Joy	Rev. Lance Richards (9:00)   Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)
PASTORAL PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis (9:00)   Rev. Tabitha Mock (11:00)
*HYMN OF INVITATION	What Gift Can We Bring?	UMH 87

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

Were We There  
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Sanctuary Choir  
Were we there, you and I, in the olive grove that night?  
Was there silver in my hand to betray the Son of Man?  
Did you run away and hide? In your fear, did you deny?  
Were we there, you and I, boldly crying, "crucify?"  
Did you mock Him with your scorn? Did I weave the crown of thorns?  
Did you strike Him in the face, spit on Him in His disgrace?

*Craig Courtney*

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG

The Lord's Prayer  
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*arr. Albert Hay Malotte*

**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.**

COMMISSIONING OF HONDURAS MISSIONARIES (11:00 A.M. ONLY)

Ron Sledge (11:00)

STEP FORWARD IN FAITH

Rev. Amanda Davis & Rev. Lance Richards (9:00)  
Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lance Richards (9:00) | Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh (11:00)

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Bind Us Together

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*Refrain: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.*  
**Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.**

**There is only one God, there is only one King; there is only one body, that is why we sing. (sing refrain)**

POSTLUDE

Hymn to Joy  
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*arr. Albert Travis*

\*Please stand as you are able.

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