

SERVICE OF THE WORD | SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
First United Methodist Church of Houston, Downtown Campus
March 16, 2025 | 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Give Me Jesus (v. 1 & Refrain)	W&S 3140
	In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus. <i>Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.</i>	
*WELCOME		Rev. Amanda Davis
*OPENING PRAYER		Rev. Amanda Davis
*HYMN OF WELCOME	Hallelujah! What a Savior	UMH 165
LIFE OF THE CHURCH	Opportunities for Prayer	Rev. Steven Newcomb
OFFERING PRAYER		Rev. Steven Newcomb
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD		Congregation
MINISTRY IN MUSIC	Ah, Holy Jesus Copyright 2006, Lorenz Publishing Company Sanctuary Choir	Craig Courtney
	Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted! Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. 'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee. For me kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow and thy life's oblation; thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee and will ever pray thee. Think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving. Ah, holy Jesus.	
*OFFERING RESPONSE	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (v. 4)	UMH 298
	Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	UMH 881 Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh
	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.	
TIME FOR CHILDREN		Courtney Hutchins
*SONG OF PREPARATION	All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord (TUNE: UMH57: O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)	UMH 554
	All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace, and bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face. He bids us build each other up; and, gathered into one, to our high calling's glorious hope we hand in hand go on. The gift which he on one bestows, we all delight to prove, the grace through every vessel flows in purest streams of love. E'en now we think and speak the same, and cordially agree, concentered all, through Jesus' name, in perfect harmony. We all partake the joy of one; the common peace we feel, a peace to sensual minds unknown, a joy unspeakable. And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet, what height of rapture shall we know when round his throne we meet!	

*SCRIPTURE Acts 2:42-47 & Hebrews 10:24-25 Rev. Amanda Davis
The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON Gather Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

THE LORD'S PRAYER (SPOKEN) Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

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.

INVITATION TO THE ALTAR Rev. Lance Richards

*SONG OF INVITATION Great Are You Lord J. Ingram, L. Jordan, & D. Leonard
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*Verse: You give life, you are love, you bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, you restore every heart that is broken. Great are you Lord.*

*Chorus: It's your breath in our lungs so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
it's your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to you only. (repeat verse twice) (repeat chorus twice)*

*Bridge: All the earth will shout your praise, our hearts will cry these bones will sing great are you, Lord.
(repeat bridge twice) (repeat chorus twice)*

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Amanda Davis, Rev. Steven Newcomb, & Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

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POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in honor of Bernie and Linda Embrey's 60th wedding anniversary, by their daughters, Amy & Lisa.

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