

NAMING OF MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED SINCE ALL SAINTS SUNDAY LAST YEAR: Roger Arnold, Gerald "Jerry" Boyle, Barbara Burcham, Claude Cooke, Jeannine Gomillion, H. Wesley "Wes" Hall, Richard Hartman, Doris Herve, Pat Hord, George Little, Evangeline "Vangie" Mackintosh, Ledisi Menenu, George Benton Musslewhite, Montique "Monti" Nelson, Maxine Powell, Gina Rowsey, Judy Sellers, O.S. "Jack" Walkup, Charles Werlla

...and those we name out loud or in our hearts.

[CONGREGATION CAN NAME OUT LOUD AS BELLS TOLL]

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

Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC Lacrimosa *W. A. Mozart*

Sanctuary Choir

Lacrimosa dies illa qua resurget ex favilla

Full of tears will be that day when from the ashes shall arise

judicandus homo reus; huic ergo parce, Deus,

the guilty man to be judged; therefore spare him, O God,

Pie Jesu Domine, dona eis requiem. Amen.

merciful Lord Jesus, grant them eternal rest. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG *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.

*STEP FORWARD IN FAITH Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh; Rev. Amanda Davis

*BENEDICTION Rev. Lance Richards

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE UMH 560

Help Us Accept Each Other (verse 1)

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;

teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe

we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

POSTLUDE Italian Hymn *arr. by Albert Travis*

*Please stand as you are able.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory
of Terry Marriott in observance of his birthday, by his family.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

ORGANIST Paul Butt

EXECUTIVE PASTOR Rev. Amanda Davis

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES DOWNTOWN Courtney Hutchins

DIRECTOR OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC Dr. Terry Morris

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP PASTOR

& DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRY Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

SENIOR PASTOR Rev. Lance Richards

PIANIST Jeremy Wood

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
First United Methodist Church, Houston | Downtown Campus Traditional Service
November 3, 2024 | 11:00 am | Sanctuary

PRELUDE For All the Saints *arr. by Hayes & Gaspard*

*CALL TO WORSHIP UMH 549

Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found;

brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear true charity we learn;

let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess;

and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

*WELCOME Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*HYMN OF WELCOME UMH 711

For All the Saints

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!**

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Amanda Davis

Thanksgiving in a Bag

& Abundantly More Stewardship Campaign

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Amanda Davis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD Congregation

MINISTRY IN MUSIC *John Rutter*

When the Saints Go Marching In
Sanctuary Choir

choir only:

Glory, glory hallelujah! The Lord goes marching on.

congregation and choir:

**Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.**

**And when the revelation comes, and when the revelation comes:
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the revelation comes.
Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed:
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the new world is revealed.
Oh, when they gather round the throne,
oh, when they gather round the throne:
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when they gather round the throne.**

choir only:

Hallelujah, brothers, hallelujah, sisters! Hear the music going round and around.
While the saints go marching up into glory, Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound!

congregation and choir:

**And when they crown Him King of Kings,
and when they crown Him King of Kings:
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when they crown Him King of Kings.**

choir only:

And when the sun no more will shine, and when the sun no more will shine:
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the sun no more will shine.
And when the moon has turned to blood, and when the moon has turned to blood:
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the moon has turned to blood.
Hallelujah, brothers, hallelujah, sisters! Hear the music going round and around.
While the saints go marching up into glory, Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound!
And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day:
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, on that hallelujah day.

congregation and choir:

**Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in:
oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.**

*DOXOLOGY Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 95
**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.**

*INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Rev. Lance Richards

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Lance Richards
**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.**

*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!
Leader and People: Glory to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE OF ASSURANCE Because He Lives (Refrain) UMH 364
*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.*

TIME FOR CHILDREN (LIVE) Courtney Hutchins

*HYMN OF PREPARATION Rejoice in God's Saints UMH 708

**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.**
**Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.**

**Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!**
**Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving Lord, leads us to you.**

*SCRIPTURE Mark 12:28-34 Rev. Lance Richards
The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

MESSAGE Love God & Love Neighbor Rev. Lance Richards

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh

*HYMN OF INVITATION For the Bread Which You Have Broken UMH 614
**For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored,
by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.**

**With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board,
may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.**

**In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Rev. Amanda Davis, Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh,
& Rev. Lance Richards

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.