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First Houston United Methodist Church

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| PRELUDE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Majesty<br><small>Copyright 2009 Hope Publishing Company</small> | <i>Joel Raney</i>        |
| *CALL TO WORSHIP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | My Tribute                                                       | UMH 99                   |
| <b>To God be the glory, to God be the glory,<br/>To God be the glory for the things he has done.<br/>With his blood he has saved me;<br/>With his power he has raised me,<br/>To God be the glory for the things he has done.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  |                          |
| *WELCOME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  | Monique Studak           |
| *HYMN OF WELCOME                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah                                    | UMH 127                  |
| <b>Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,<br/>Pilgrim through this barren land.<br/>I am weak, but thou art mighty;<br/>Hold me with thy powerful hand.<br/>Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,<br/>Feed me till I want no more;<br/>Feed me till I want no more.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                  |                          |
| <b>Open now the crystal fountain,<br/>Whence the healing stream doth flow;<br/>Let the fire and cloudy pillar<br/>Lead me all my journey through.<br/>Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,<br/>Be thou still my strength and shield;<br/>Be thou still my strength and shield.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  |                          |
| <b>When I tread the verge of Jordan,<br/>Bid my anxious fears subside;<br/>Death of death and hell's destruction,<br/>Land me safe on Canaan's side.<br/>Songs of praises, songs of praises,<br/>I will ever give to thee;<br/>I will ever give to thee.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                  |                          |
| *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | The Apostles' Creed                                              | UMH 881<br>Givens Miller |
| <b>I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in<br/>Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,<br/>born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead,<br/>and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,<br/>and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he<br/>shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the<br/>holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the<br/>resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</b> |                                                                  |                          |
| *GLORIA PATRI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Glory Be to the Father                                           | UMH 70                   |
| <b>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;<br/>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.<br/>Amen. Amen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                  |                          |
| OFFERING PRAYER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                  | Dr. Brant Wallace        |

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| MINISTRY IN MUSIC                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Ezekiel Saw De Wheel<br><small>Copyright 1969 William L. Dawson</small> | <i>William Dawson</i>    |
| Sanctuary Choir; Nathan Ponder, Jonathan Snowden, Kris Rodriguez,<br>Ed Gibson, Ren Bautista, Leslie Hubbard,<br>Nina Nguyen, and Diajinae Harris; Soloists<br>Ezekiel saw the wheel, way up in the middle of the air;<br>The big wheel run by faith, and the little wheel run by the grace of God,<br>A little wheel in a wheel, way in the middle of the air,<br>Better mind my brother how you walk on the cross,<br>Your foot may slip, and your soul get lost.<br>Old Satan wears a club foot shoe, if you don’t mind, he'll slip it on you.<br>Ezekiel saw the wheel, way up in the middle of the air.<br>The big wheel run by faith, and the little wheel run by the grace of God,<br>A wheel in a wheel, way in the middle of the air.<br>Some go to church for to sing and shout, hallelu, hallelu, halleluiah!<br>Before six months, they all turned out way in the middle of the air,<br>Ezekiel saw the wheel, way in the middle of the air. |                                                                         |                          |
| *THE DOXOLOGY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow                                | UMH 94                   |
| <b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;<br/>Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!<br/>Praise God, the source of all our gifts!<br/>Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!<br/>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                         |                          |
| PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                         | Dr. Brant Wallace        |
| THE LORD’S PRAYER                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                         | UMH 895                  |
| <b>Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,<br/>Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.<br/>And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.<br/>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the<br/>kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                          |
| TIME FOR CHILDREN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                         | Courtney Hutchins        |
| *HYMN OF PREPARATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing                                      | UMH 400                  |
| <b>Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;<br/>Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.<br/>Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.<br/>Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                         |                          |
| <b>Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;<br/>And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.<br/>Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;<br/>He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                         |                          |
| <b>O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!<br/>Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.<br/>Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;<br/>Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                         |                          |
| *SCRIPTURE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ezekiel 47:1-12                                                         | Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick |
| The word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                         |                          |
| MESSAGE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                         | Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick |
| Great Stories of the Great Prophets: Ezekiel, Can We See the Sea?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                         |                          |
| INVITATION TO THE ALTAR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                         | Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick |

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| *HYMN OF BLESSING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Shall We Gather at the River, v. 1, 2                                            | UMH 723                  |
| <b>Shall we gather at the river,<br/>Where bright angel feet have trod,<br/>With its crystal tide forever<br/>Flowing by the throne of God?</b>                                                                                                                               |                                                                                  |                          |
| <i>Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,<br/>The beautiful, the beautiful river;<br/>Gather with the saints at the river<br/>That flows by the throne of God.</i>                                                                                                          |                                                                                  |                          |
| <b>On the margin of the river,<br/>Washing up its silver spray,<br/>We will walk and worship ever,<br/>All the happy golden day.</b>                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                  |                          |
| <i>Repeat Refrain</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                  |                          |
| STEP FORWARD IN FAITH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                  | Dr. Brant Wallace        |
| *BENEDICTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                  | Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick |
| *BENEDICTION RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Shall We Gather at the River, refrain                                            | UMH 723                  |
| <i>Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river,<br/>The beautiful, the beautiful river;<br/>Gather with the saints at the river<br/>That flows by the throne of God.</i>                                                                                                          |                                                                                  |                          |
| POSTLUDE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Ghostbusters<br><small>Copyright 1984 EMI Golden Torch Music Corporation</small> | <i>Ray Parker Jr.</i>    |
| *Please stand as you are able.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                  |                          |
| CRADLE CROSS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                  |                          |
| The cradle cross on the altar today is in honor of Kennedy Tate Thomas,<br>born October 9, 2026 to Jerrel and Meredith Aldis Thomas.<br>Kennedy’s grandfather is Jay Aldis.                                                                                                   |                                                                                  |                          |
| ALTAR FLOWERS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                  |                          |
| The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God and in memory<br>of Ruth Grogan Palmer, for her commitment of service to First Methodist<br>and the community, through her faith, wisdom, thoughtfulness,<br>and charitable guidance, by Ellen and Gary Hickman. |                                                                                  |                          |
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| <b>PASTORAL STAFF:</b>                                     |                          |
| SENIOR PASTOR                                              | Rev. Lindsay Kirkpatrick |
| EXECUTIVE PASTOR                                           | Rev. Amanda Davis        |
| ALTAR UMOJA PASTOR                                         | Rev. Sylvia Kiboko       |
| PASTOR OF MISSIONS & FAMILY MINISTRY                       | Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh       |
| <b>CHURCH STAFF:</b>                                       |                          |
| MINISTRIES                                                 |                          |
| Rev. Dr. Eric Pugh – Pastor of Youth Ministry              |                          |
| Courtney Hutchins – Director of Children’s Ministry        |                          |
| Cynthia Douglas – Children’s Choir Director                |                          |
| COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA                                     |                          |
| Alec McCommon – Director of Communications                 |                          |
| Jasmine Jackson – Art Director                             |                          |
| Sebastian Herrador – AV / Production / Content Assistant   |                          |
| FACILITIES                                                 |                          |
| Dr. Brant Wallace – Director of Operations                 |                          |
| Stan Adams – Stationary Engineer, CCFM                     |                          |
| Judy Saenz – Director of Facilities & Events               |                          |
| FINANCE                                                    |                          |
| Seann Pearce – Finance Director                            |                          |
| MUSIC MINISTRY                                             |                          |
| Dr. Terry Morris – Director of Traditional Music & Worship |                          |
| Paul Butt – Organist                                       |                          |
| Jeremy Wood - Pianist                                      |                          |
| Rebecca Holland – Music & Worship Assistant                |                          |
| MISSIONS                                                   |                          |
| Kathrin Meier – Executive Director, Neighbors in Action    |                          |
| Paula Niz – Associate Director, Neighbors in Action        |                          |
| RECREATION – QUILLIAN CENTER                               |                          |
| Mike Franco – Athletics & Aquatics Director                |                          |

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