

Order of Worship

September 3, 2017

10:00 am

PRELUDE

Shawn Heller

†GATHERING MUSIC

God of Grace and God of Glory

†OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Leslie Jackson

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Jackson

†EXCHANGE OF PEACE

One: Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

†OPENING MUSIC

Standing On The Promises

When Peace Like A River

CONTEMPORARY TEXT Tonight

Shelley Coley

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

†NEW TESTAMENT READING Revelation 21:1-8

Marcus Carter

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, "Look! God's Tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen." The One who sat on the throne said, "Look! I'm making everything new!" and added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true." And that One continued, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To those who are thirsty I will give drink freely from the spring of the water of life. This is the rightful inheritance of the overcomers. I will be their God and they will be my daughters and sons. But the legacy of cowards, the unfaithful, the depraved, the murderers, the fornicators, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars is the burning lake of fiery sulphur, which is the second death."

GRADUAL

Shawn Heller

SERMON

A New Heaven and A New Earth

Rev. Jackson

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

David Schulz & Marcus Carter

OFFERTORY

My Life Is In Your Hands
Shawn Heller

†DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

REMEMBRANCE & CONSECRATION

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: For the power of love in humanity and history,

Many: we give thanks and praise.

One: At the beginning of his ministry, Jesus declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Many: We are called to do the same because the Spirit of the Lord is also upon us. All of us!

One: On the night of his betrayal and arrest, as he shared a meal with his friends, Jesus took Bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his followers, saying:
"Share this bread among you; this is my body which will be broken for justice.
Do this to remember me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Share this wine among you; this is my blood which will be shed for liberation.
Do this to remember me." Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is here. Christ will come again.

One: Let us pray

Many: God of love, Spirit of compassion, bless us and this bread and wine. May this meal be food and drink for our journey— renewing, sustaining, and making us whole.

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Cont.)

INVITATION TO THE FEAST

One: When we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we experience again the presence of Jesus in our midst. The table is ready.

To Our Guests

We celebrate an open communion. We understand the sharing of the bread and the cup in Jesus' name to be a representation of an ancient vision of God's feast for all people. We don't require you to be a member of this church, or any church, to participate with us in this feast of grace. Simply come forward and receive a piece of bread; hold it until the cup is offered, then dip it in the cup and eat, and then return to your seat.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *I Surrender All*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: Let us pray.

All: God of love, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this meal.
Send us out from here to reveal your love in the world.
Inspire in us the resolve and the courage, the compassion and the passion,
to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you. Amen.

†CLOSING HYMN

We Shall Overcome

†BENEDICTION Prayer of Protection

All: The light of God surrounds us; The love of God enfolds us; The power of God protects us; The presence of God watches over us; Wherever we are, God is!

POSTLUDE

We Are Family
Sister Sledge

Please join us after service for coffee hour and community service!

Welcome!

If you are visiting the **Cathedral of Hope Houston UCC (COHH)** for the first time, we are glad to have you here and we are blessed by your presence! We invite you to join us on our faith journey as we worship God and learn more about Christian living in an inclusive and progressive way.

At **COHH** you will discover a warm group of real people who love God, who want to learn and grow, and who want to be of service in the world. From the moment you walk up to the building you can expect to feel at home, knowing that no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome!

At **COHH** we seek to explore, understand and apply God's everlasting wisdom and grace to our lives at every level in a spirit of love. You will find a growing variety of resources to help you grow in God's truth.

In the building next to main sanctuary we always have the pot on for a cup of coffee (or tea or hot chocolate). More than likely there will be a treat or two as well.

All are welcome. Really, all are welcome. If you are comfortable in doing so, please provide us with your name and address in the pew pad, as we would like to reach out to you and invite you back.

Visit www.CoHHHouston.org for more information. Again, welcome! We hope your experience today is grace-filled and that you will come back often.

**For general questions and information,
please contact us at:
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PRAYER LIST

Please pray for:

Prayers of healing and strength for Regan Noble and Brett Morgan, Yiannie's friends.

Prayers for healing and strength for Gayle Jamil's twin brother Mike, as he deals with serious health issues. Gayle is a friend of Lynette's.

Prayers for comfort, discernment and health for Jason Dammeyer's father as he deals with life issues related to aging.

Prayers of healing and strength for Poly Masuris, Yiannie's aunt, who is declining due to Alzheimer's.

Continued prayers for health and healing for Gina Williams and for a kidney donor.

Healing and strength for Virgie Galaviz, Joaquin's mom, who has had recurring health problems.

Prayers of healing for Michelle Webb, friend of Adam's & Jason's, who is fighting pneumonia for the second time in three months, as well as other health issues.

Prayers for continued improved health and a kidney transplant for Mark Stangel.

Comfort for the family of Dee Yet, a friend of Susan Guerrero and Boo Breech, who passed away from Leukemia.

Prayers of joy for Jim Comer who has been offered to return to his school this coming year as a teacher.

Prayers of comfort for Mona Lopez, in the loss of her beloved father, Hector Lopez.

Prayers of comfort and peace for Micheal Krzesienski, a friend of Lynette's, who is dealing with serious health issues.

Please email your prayer requests and updates to pastor@cohhouston.org

Community Events

September 10, 2017—Homecoming (Family & Friends)
September 16, 2017—Half-Day Church Values Workshop
October 1, 2017—Neighbors in Need Offering
October 15, 2017—Potluck
October 29, 2017— Installation, Rev. Leslie Jackson

Hurricane Recovery

Yesterday, we put together 50 cleanup kits and over 500 hygiene kits. Today, we would like to do more after our worship service. Please visit our website to see more opportunities for you to serve and donate items to support our community.

<http://www.cohhouston.org/hurricane-recovery/>

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

Please register your presence in the green pads at some point during worship. **Let us know if you have a change of address, telephone or email.** There are giving envelopes for you to use for your cash offering and giving cards if you give online.

If you give cash, please fill out a giving envelope so that we have a record of your giving, even if you only put a first and last name.

Did you know that you can arrange to give online? It can be done in minutes online. You can set it up for weekly, monthly, bi-weekly or semi-monthly.

It's as easy as 1-2-3...

1. Go to **GIVE ONLINE** www.cohhouston.org/giving
2. Click
3. Create your profile and set up your gift.

	WE 8/13	WE 8/20	WE 8/27
Attendance	51	36	Cancelled
Offering*	\$1012	\$1448	\$658
Dream Fund*	\$10	\$10	\$10

* Includes online and auto giving as well