

Preservice

Art and Song Video

Welcome / Announcements

Rev. Mark Kimbrough

- Register for in-person worship, Katy First Kids
- Christmas Tree Lighting, December 6, 5PM
- Advent Schedule katyfirst.org/advent - Luminaries
- Santa Cops

Prelude

Don Zmick

Call to Worship *adapted from Ps. 118*

Rev. Mark Kimbrough

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

Let those who fear the Lord say,

His steadfast love endures forever.

The Lord is my strength and my salvation,

Whom shall we fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life.

Of whom shall I be afraid.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

His steadfast love endures forever!

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

*Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.*

*All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come, Bring Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come, Raise the glorious harvest home.*

Baptism

Slone Jane Doby

Daughter of Megan & Joseph Doby

Commitment Of The Congregation

UMH 40

Baptism Song

God Claims You

*Slone, Slone God claims you. God helps you, protects you,
and loves you too. We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be.
Slone, Slone God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.
We your church do love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.
Slone, Slone God claims you. God helps you, protects you and loves you too.*

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Mark Kimbrough

God of love, you created us to love you and one another. We confess that we have sometimes limited that love to words, and failed to make that love real by our actions. We have failed to recognize Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the incarcerated and the sick. Too often, we have turned away from your presence, failing to share what we have with our brothers and sisters in need. Forgive us. Turn our hearts, and guide us to follow in your ways anew.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Mark Kimbrough

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.

Choral Amen

Offertory Celebration

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Offertory Anthem

We Give You Thanks

Moose

Children's Time

April Vaden

*Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
Give Thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say,
"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give Thanks.*

Sermon Intro/Prayer for Illumination

Dr. Richard White

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11(NRSV)

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Sermon**Thankful**

Dr. Richard White

Hymn of Closing**Now Thank We All Our God**

UMH 102 verses 1 & 3

*Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way with
countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was an now, and shall be evermore.*

Benediction

Dr. Richard White

Remind the congregation that the ushers will dismiss them by rows from the back, forward.

Dismissal

Grace Alone

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Chimes

Postlude



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