## Welcome to Houston's First – and Happy Easter!

Each time people come together at Houston's First, it represents countless stories of God's involvement in every life and the journey each person took to get here. Many gathered here today grew up knowing nothing other than being at church every time the doors were opened. Others might be attending church—any church—for the very first time! No matter the path that led you to Houston's First, I'm really glad you're here.

For those who follow Jesus, the first step of our faith journey took place as Jesus hung on the cross and drew His last breath on earth. That moment forever changed the future of the entire world and for us as individuals, too. Jesus' death was the payment for our sins and His resurrection was the final victory over death—allowing all of us to have direct access to God. If we choose to accept Jesus' offer, regular people like you and me can come straight to our Heavenly Father. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).



That truth is why Christians are so joyful about Easter. I pray that you experience the joy of Easter today as we celebrate having direct access to God—now and for eternity—and the ability to bring to Him our hurts, brokenness, hopes, and dreams. He hears you and makes all things new.

> If you're a guest today and have questions about our church, the Christian faith, or anything else on your mind, I invite you to come forward at the end of the worship service. Volunteers and staff members are available to answer questions, pray with you, or simply listen. If today happens to be the first time you've heard about Jesus' love for you—great! We encourage you to come forward, too, and to come back to Houston's First to discover more. That's what being a relevant biblical community is all about.

> > He is Risen!

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