



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

APRIL 12, 2026

8:30 & 11:00AM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

PRELUDE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

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.

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

#304

Easter people raise your voices

Sounds of heaven in earth should ring

Christ has brought us Heaven's choices

Heavenly music let it ring

Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing

Fear of death can no more stop us

From our pressing here below

For our Lord empowered us

To triumph over every foe

Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go

Every day to us is Easter

With its resurrection song

When in trouble move the faster

To our God who rights the wrong

Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;*

The third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the

genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 have trespassed against us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God" #420

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly Thine,
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me, breath of God, so shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Mercy Refused"

Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

²⁸Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

²⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON

"We Are With You"

Rev. Richard Luna

COMMUNION CONSECRATION

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)*"One Bread, One Body"*

#620

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
 One cup of blessing which we bless.
 And we, though many through the earth,
 We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
 Woman or man, no more.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
 Gathered to one, for all.

"O How I Love Jesus"

#170

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
 It sounds like music in my ear,
 The sweetest name on earth

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
 O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart
 Can feel my deepest woe
 Who in each sorrow bears a part
 That none can bear below

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"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

I am weak but Thou art strong
 Jesus keep me from all wrong
 I'll be satisfied as long
 As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Just a closer walk with thee
 Grant it Jesus is my plea
 Daily walking close to Thee
 Let it be dear Lord let it be

Through this world of toil and snares
 If I falter Lord who cares
 Who with me my burden shares
 None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

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"You Are My All In All"

You are my strength when I am weak
 You are the treasure that I seek
 You are my all in all
 Seeking You as a precious jew'l
 Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
 Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
 Rising again I bless Your name
 You are my all in all

When I fall down You pick me up
 When I am dry You fill my cup
 You are my all in all

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP****SONG OF INVITATION***"Christ is Risen"*

#307

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!
 Celebrate this day of days.
 Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;
 All creation is amazed.
 In the desert all surrounding, see,
 A spreading tree has grown.
 Healing leaves of grace abounding
 Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
 From the caverns of despair.
 Walk with gladness in the morning.
 See what love can do and dare.
 Drink the wine of resurrection,
 Not a servant, but a friend;
 Jesus is our strong companion.
 Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
 Nevermore shall be the same.
 Break the bread of new creation
 Where the world is still in pain.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Up From the Grave He Arose"

Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph
o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He
arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

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GOING FORTH

Blessed by God's love and strengthened by God's
Grace, let us be the church to the people we are with.
Amen.

*The altar flowers are given by Klip and Vona Morefield
to the glory of God in honor of our daughter Lora's
birthday today.*

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Thank you.*

