



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 2025
8:30 & 11:00 AM

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship God like children, with wonder, awe, and energy.

All: Let us worship God like teenagers...with questions, open minds, and a willingness to listen.

Leader: Let us worship God like adults...with joyful wisdom and grateful hearts.

All: We come to worship you, O God, as an Easter family! We come to celebrate new life! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"I Love To Tell the Story"

#156

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems
Than all the golden fancies
of all our golden dreams

I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
What seems each time I tell it,
More wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation
From God's own holy Word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting,
To hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory;
I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story
That I have loved so long

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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

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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. 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

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus, in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

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

Luke 10:25-28

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. [j]
'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

SERMON

"Donkey Tales"

Children's Choirs

Songs:

"Donkey Tales"

"The Law of the Land"

"Like the Good Samaritan"

"That You May Believe"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" #569

We've a story to tell to the nations,
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light, a story of peace and light

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword.

We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord who reigneth above,
Hath sent us His Son to save us,
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

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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 to the Glory of God by
Cara, Sydney, and Zachary Longshore in loving
memory of Reed Clarkson, a most excellent Daddy
and Poppy.*

*The roses on the piano are in celebration of the birth
of Parker and Pearson Prado on April 14, 2026 to
Preston, Courtney, and big brother Peyton.*

QR Code provided for your tithes and offerings.

Thank you.



Donkey Tales Cast

Luke Boswell

MJ Boswell

Abby Cantu

Cohen Cruikshank

Sebastian Curtis-Wood

Isaiah Hillis

Pheona Hillis

Tillie Noonan

Christian Rios

Evie Rios

Declan Slusser