



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APRIL 26, 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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 100*)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People**: **Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

**People**: **We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

**People**: **Give thanks to him; bless his name.**

**All**: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* #139

Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigning  
Bears thee on eagle's wings  
E'er in His keeping maintaining  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good He upholds.  
Hast thou not known His sustaining?

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
Who with His love doth befriend thee

Praise to the Lord  
Who doth nourish thy life and restore thee  
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed  
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

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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**

*John 10:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know

his voice.<sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’<sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.<sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.’<sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them.<sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.<sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

## 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

*“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”* #381

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,  
Much we need thy tender care;  
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use thy folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine, Thou dost befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse and pow’r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to Thee.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek thy favor,  
Early let us do thy will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With thy love our bosoms fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!  
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

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## PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### BAPTISM

*Paul Anthony Ma*

Parents: Payton & Anthony Ma

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

### CELEBRATING OUR SENIORS

*Emma Bush*

*Riley Gurbach*

*Lane Stavinoha*

*Marielle VanDagna*

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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### SHARING OUR GIFTS

*“Gentle Shepherd”*

Chancel Choir  
Paula Ryburn, flute

### 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

Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

## SERMON

*"Fresh Expressions"*

Rev. Richard Luna

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### SONG OF INVITATION

*"They'll Know We Are Christians"*

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity  
And save each man's pride

All praise to the Father from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one

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## SENDING FORTH

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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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.

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
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E. Smiley Sr.'s 81st birthday: husband, father, and  
grandfather. We love you and always will.*

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