



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 15, 2021**  
**8:30am & 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](#).

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Our Lord is the good shepherd who meets our every need.

**People: Our Lord takes perfect care of us.**

Leader: Our Lord is the good shepherd who finds a way to restore our souls and guide us to new life.

**People: Our Lord seeks us when we are lost and calls us by name.**

Leader: Then let us gather together as God's flock, ready to trust in the way he leads us.

**People: We come to give the good shepherd our hearts and our lives! Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*"Come, Thou Almighty King" #61*

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing  
Help us to praise!

Father all glorious, O'er all victorious  
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword  
Our prayer attend!

Come and Thy people bless, and give Thy Word success  
Spirit of holiness, On us descend

Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.

Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r

To Thee great One in Three, eternal praises be  
Hence evermore.

Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see  
And to eternity love and adore

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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**

*Psalm 23*

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; <sup>3</sup>he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

**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**

*"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" #128*

He leadeth me O blessed thought  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught  
Whate'er I do where'er I be  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me

He leadeth me He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom  
By water's still, o'er troubled sea  
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me

Lord I would place my hand in Thine  
Nor ever murmur nor repine  
Content whatever lot I see  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me

And when my task on earth is done  
When by Thy grace the victory's won  
E'en death's cold waves I will not flee  
Since God through Jordan leadeth me

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### OFFERTORY

8:30 "Celebration"

Celebration Ringers

11:00 "God, Our Creator"

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 10:7-16*

<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. <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

**SERMON** "The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Eddie Allsup

## SONG OF RESPONSE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" #381

Saviour 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 favour  
Early let us do thy will  
Blessed Lord and only Saviour  
With thy love our bosoms fill  
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus  
Thou hast loved us love us still  
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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 and in celebration of Henry Earhart's 3rd birthday by his parents, Erin & Will Earhart, and little sister Eleanor.*