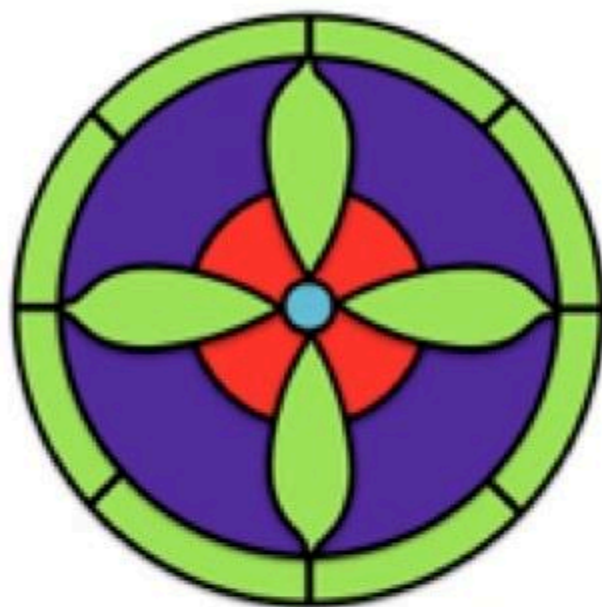




ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST
AUGUST 16, 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

Leader: We come from different places, with different stories.

People: Some of us bring joy; some of us carry heavy loads.

Leader: No matter who we are, or where we have been, God welcomes us here.

People: Young and old, weak and strong, the questioning and the certain. All are united in our witness and praise.

Leader: We are united in our need for God and one another. We are one family.

All: God calls us together today to worship as one.
Let us praise God!

SONG OF PRAISE

"Christ for the World We Sing"

#568

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,
With loving zeal;
The poor and them that mourn,
The faint and overborne,
Sin sick and sorrow worn,
For Christ to heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,
With fervent prayer;
The wayward and the lost,
By restless passions tossed,
Redeemed at countless cost,
From dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,
With one accord;
With us the work to share,
With us reproach to dare,

With us the cross to bear,
For Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
The world to Christ we bring,
With joyful song;
The new-born souls whose days,
Reclaimed from error's ways,
Inspired with hope and praise,
To Christ belong.

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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

Romans 11:29-32

²⁹ for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.
³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience,
³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

"Freely, Freely"

#389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share His love as He told me to.

He said, freely, freely you have received,
Freely, freely give.
Go in My name, and because you believe,
Others will know that I live.

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
In earth and heav'n in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
To share His pow'r as He told me to.

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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

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of
Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from
that region came out and started shouting, 'Have
mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is
tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at

all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying,
'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He
answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the
house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him,
saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to
take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.'
²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the
crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then
Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it
be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was
healed instantly.

SERMON

"For the Saints and Sinners"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Victory in Jesus"

#370

I heard an old, old story,
How a Savior came from glory,
How He gave His life on Calvary
To save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning,
Of His precious blood's atoning
Then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming
blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due
Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing,
Of His cleansing pow'r revealing,
How He made the lame to walk again
And caused the blind to see
And then I cried dear Jesus,
Come and heal my broken spirit
And somehow Jesus came and brought to me the
victory

I heard about a mansion
He has built for me in glory
And I heard about the streets of gold
Beyond the crystal sea
About the angels singing and the old redemption story
And some sweet day I'll sing up there
The song of victory

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Victory in Jesus"

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blood;

He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due
Him

He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

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SENDING FORTH

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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