



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 17, 2025
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

11:00 *"Rise Up, O Church of God"*

Celebration Ringers

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We celebrate this time of congregating...gathering both in person and online

People: to lift our hearts, our minds and our spirits in a time of praise and worship.

Leader: Some of us are discouraged, filled with anxiety and questions.

People: Some of us are celebrating because we are in a positive life moment.

Leader: Some of us are questioning why we're here;

People: others are more confident, claiming this space and time to honor you,

Leader: We all seek to build up our lives and to strengthen your church.

All: Accept each of us, Holy Creator, meeting us just where we are and luring us to step closer to you.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! 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

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-11, 17-19

¹ Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth ²before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

⁸ You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. ¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; ¹¹it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

¹⁷ But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself.

¹⁸ Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

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

"The Gift Of Love" #408

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

8:30 *"Song of the Potter"* Chancel Choir
11:00 *"With Praises Ring"* Celebration Ringers

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-31, 39-40, 12:1-2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. ¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON

"Don't Do It Alone" Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #557

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

We share each other's woes
Our mutual burdens bear
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Here I Am, Lord" #593

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

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 the Nichols family to the
Glory of God in honor of Diane Nichols and her twin
sister's milestone birthday and Diane's upcoming
retirement.*

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Thank you.*

