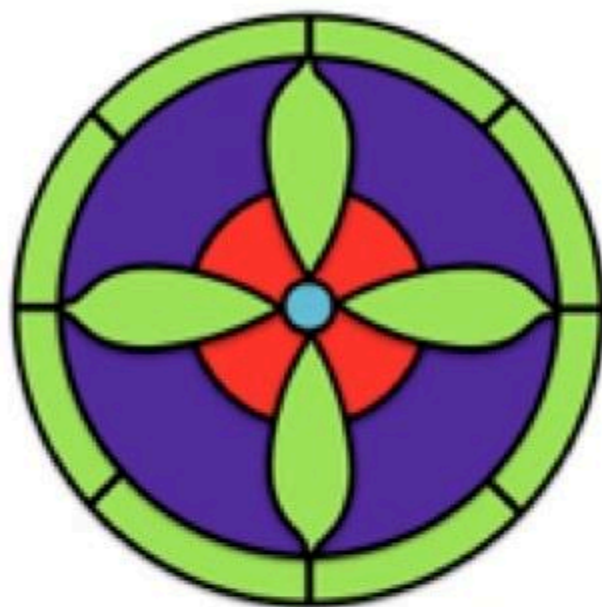




ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST
AUGUST 23, 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 (*Psalms 124*)

Leader: Let God's people now say --if it had not been
the LORD who was on our side...

People: **When our enemies attack us. When their
anger is kindled against us; When the torrent
of harm and hurt comes over us;**

Leader: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us
up, but watches over us. For we escape like a bird
from the snare of the hunters..

All: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who
made heaven and earth.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"O God Our Help In Ages Past" #117

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

A thousand ages, in Thy sight,
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night,
Before the rising sun.

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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

Exodus 1:22-2:10

²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every
boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into
the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.' ² Now a man
from the house of Levi went and married a Levite
woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and
when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for
three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer
she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with
bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it
among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister
stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.⁵
The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the
river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She
saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to
bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He
was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be
one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his
sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get
you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the
child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.'
So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹
Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and
nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the
woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child
grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and

she took him as her son. She named him Moses,
'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

"Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee

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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 16:13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea
Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say
that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say
John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them,
'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter
answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living
God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you,
Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not
revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I
tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against
it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in
heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the
disciples not to tell anyone that he was[□] the Messiah.

SERMON

"A History of Influence" Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"My Hope Is Built" #368

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,

He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet
sound, O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Victory in Jesus”

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

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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.

*The altar flowers are given by Susan Farris and family
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Priscilla McMillion.*

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