



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 24, 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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 71*)

Leader: O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

People: **So even to old age and gray hairs, O God,
do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might
to all the generations to come.**

Leader: Your power and your righteousness, O God,
reach the high heavens.

People: **I will also praise you with the harp for your
faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to you
with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

Leader: My lips will shout for joy when I sing praises to
you;

All: **my soul also, which you have rescued.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"How Great Thou Art" #77

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru'out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!

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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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,
⁵'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and
before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed
you a prophet to the nations.' ⁶Then I said, 'Ah, Lord
God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a
boy.' ⁷But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only
a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and
you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be
afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says
the Lord.' ⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched
my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put
my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you
over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to

pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

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

"Hymn of Promise"

#707

In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be
Unrevealed until its season
Something God alone can see

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"God, Our Creator"

Chancel Choir

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

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water?' ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

SERMON

*"Is Now a Good Time for
You?"*

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Let There Be Peace On Earth" #431

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was
meant to be
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me
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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 flowers on the altar are an expression of God's
love for his children. May the beauty of His creation
inspire you today and every day.*

*The flowers on the piano are in celebration of Linda &
Wayne Lambert's 61st wedding anniversary.*

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Thank you.*

