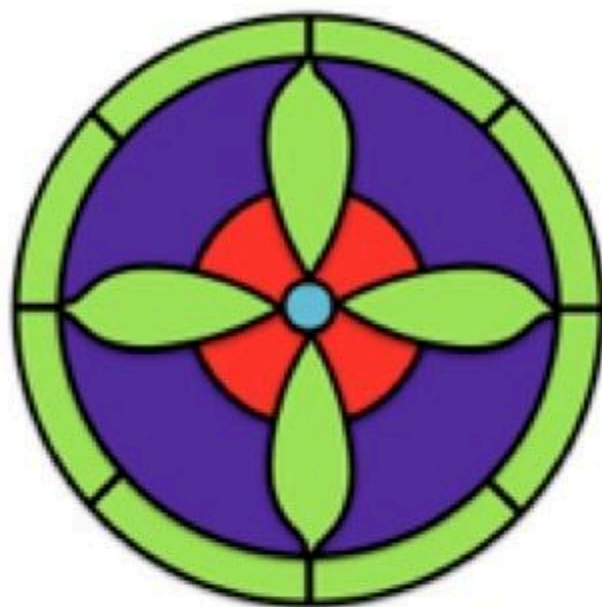




ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 2, 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

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in
peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one
another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved
you with our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the
name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Standing on the Promises"

#374

Standing on the promises of Christ my King
Through eternal ages let His praises ring
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing
Standing on the promises of God

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises that cannot fail
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail
By the living Word of God I shall prevail
Standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises I cannot fall
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call
Resting in my Savior as my All in All
Standing on the promises of God

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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 9:1-5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my
conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— ² I have
great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For
I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off
from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred
according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to
them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;
⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is
over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

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

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” #496

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
That calls me from a world of care
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
The joys I feel the bliss I share
Of those whose anxious spirits burn
With strong desires for thy return
With such I hasten to the place
Where God my Savior shows His face
And gladly take my station there
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

Sweet hour of prayer sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless
And since He bids me seek His face
Believe His Word and trust His grace
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care
And wait for thee sweet hour of prayer

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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 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there
in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the
crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the
towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd;
and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and
said, ‘This is a deserted place, and the hour is now
late; send the crowds away so that they may go into
the villages and buy food for themselves.’ ¹⁶ Jesus said
to them, ‘They need not go away; you give them
something to eat.’ ¹⁷ They replied, ‘We have nothing
here but five loaves and two fish.’ ¹⁸ And he said,
‘Bring them here to me.’ ¹⁹ Then he ordered the
crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves
and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed
and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples,
and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all
ate and were filled; and they took up what was left
over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And
those who ate were about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

SERMON

“Awareness for Praise” Rev. Richard Luna

COMMUNION CONSECRATION

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)

“God Will Take Care of You” #130

Be not dismayed whate'er betide
God will take care of you
Beneath His wings of love abide
God will take care of you

God will take care of you
Through every day o'er all the way
He will take care of you
God will take care of you

No matter what may be the test
God will take care of you
Lean weary one upon His breast
God will take care of you

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"O How I Love Jesus"

#170

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe
Who in each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below

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"There's Something About That Name"

#171

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
There's just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus!
Like a fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!
Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms may all pass away,
But there's something about that name!

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"His Name Is Wonderful"

#174

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,
His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of ev'rything;
His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the Great Shepherd, The Rock of all ages,
Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him,
Love and adore Him, His name is wonderful,
Jesus, my Lord.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Spirit Song"

#347

Oh let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh let Him have those things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, oh Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

Oh come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
Oh give Him all your tears and sadness;
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Standing on the Promises"

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God

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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