



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 31, 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

Leader: When you see someone in need or hear a friend share what they're going through, don't forget:

People: Keep showing love.

Leader: When you hear about folks in prison or notice people hurting—whether they're close by or far away—remember:

People: Keep showing love.

Leader: When the world tries to convince us to chase more money, more power, more control, let's pause and remember:

People: Keep showing love.

Leader: As we come together to worship, know this: God is right here with us, wrapping us in love and shaping us to carry that love wherever we go. Today—and every day—we choose to lean into God's love, so that love keeps flowing through everything we do and everywhere we go.

All: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Shout to the Lord"

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am,
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, Praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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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

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual affection continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

#298

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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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 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 14:1, 7-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

SERMON

Eli Doggett

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"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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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

Friends, go out from here wrapped in the love of our
amazing God. He's not just watching over us—He's
walking with us, helping us, and cheering us on.
Share what you've got. Spread love wherever you
go—with kindness, care, and connection that reaches
all the way around the world and back again.

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Kathy Rogers and Andy Sugalski in celebration of their
anniversary.*

QR Code provided for your tithes and offerings.

Thank you.



St. John's Youth

Welcome & Call to Worship - Barrett Walker

Scripture 1 - William Hillis

Prayer - Nolan Raska

Children's Sermon - Aubrey Ostertag

Scripture 2 - James King

Sermon - Eli Doggett

Sending Forth - Brooke Raska

Worship Director - Owen Scherer

AV - Emma Lockwood and Mason Wilson

Ushers - Ben Doggett, Tyler Lockwood, Logan
Williams and Luke Williams