



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**AUGUST 3, 2025**  
**8:30 & 11:00 AM**

**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 sin and seek to live in  
peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin 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**

*"This Is My Father's World"* #144

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
All nature sings and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:

Why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King; let the heaven's ring!

God reigns; let the earth be glad!

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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**

*Psalms 107: 1-9, 43*

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his  
steadfast love endures for ever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of  
the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble <sup>3</sup>and  
gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the  
west, from the north and from the south. <sup>4</sup>Some  
wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an  
inhabited town; <sup>5</sup>hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted  
within them. <sup>6</sup>Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress; <sup>7</sup>he led them  
by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town.  
<sup>8</sup>Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his

wonderful works to humankind. <sup>9</sup>For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

<sup>43</sup>Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE 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 trespass 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**

*“Because He Lives”* #364  
God sent His Son they called Him Jesus  
He came to love heal and forgive  
He bled and died to buy my pardon  
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives all fear is gone  
Because I know He holds the future  
And life is worth the living just because He lives

How sweet to hold our newborn baby  
And feel the pride and joy he gives  
But greater still the calm assurance  
This child can face uncertain days because He lives

And then one day I'll cross that river  
I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then as death gives way to vict'ry  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

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**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES**

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**OFFERTORY**

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”* Chancel Choir

**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**

*Luke 12: 13-21*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” <sup>18</sup>Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

**SERMON**

*“Words with Friends”* Rev. Richard Luna

**COMMUNION CONSECRATION**

**SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER**

**COMMUNION SONGS** (first and last verses)

*“One Bread, One Body”* #620  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many through the earth,  
We are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one, for all.

*“Change My Heart Oh God”*

Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true  
Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You

You are the potter. I am the clay  
Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

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*“Surely The Presence Of The Lord”* #328

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace  
I can hear the brush of angel's wings  
I see glory on each face  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

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*“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”* #382

Have Thine own way Lord! Have Thine own way  
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay  
Mold me and make me after Thy will  
While I am waiting, yielded and still

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway  
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me

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*“Open My Eyes, That I May See”* #454

Open my eyes, that I may see  
Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key  
That shall unclasp and set me free

Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth, and let me bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with Thy children thus to share.

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**PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**SONG OF INVITATION**

*“Here I Am, Lord”* #593

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my Hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

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.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak My Word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My Hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts are satisfied.  
I will give My life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

**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.

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*The altar flowers are given by Margaret & Malcolm  
Nicholl to the Glory of God in memory of her brother,  
Bill McNally who passed away on this day 8 years ago.*

*The rose on the piano is placed by Matt Techmanski in  
loving memory of Carol A. Slawson who passed away  
on July 15, 2025.*

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Thank you.*

