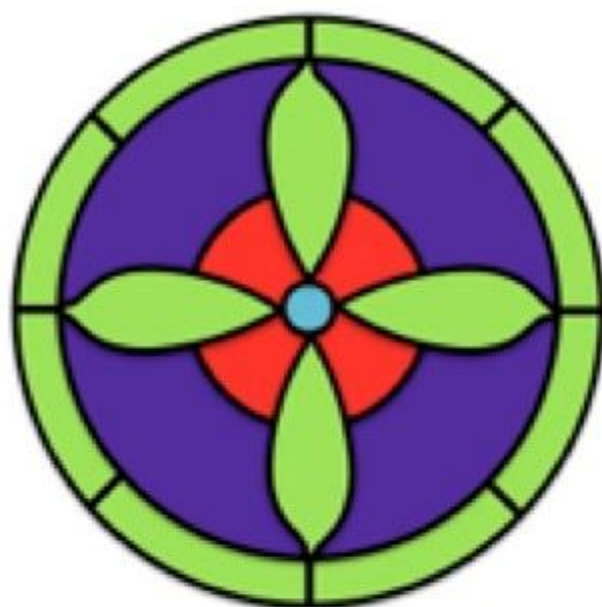




ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST
AUGUST 9, 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

"Beach Spring"

Celebration Ringers

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 105*)

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD; call on his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all
his wonderful works.

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those
who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his
presence continually.

All: Remember the wonderful works he has done,
and his miracles.

SONG OF PRAISE

"To God Be the Glory"

#98

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He has taught us,
Great things He has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see.

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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 10:13-15

¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.' ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in
whom they have not believed? And how are they to
believe in one of whom they have never heard? And
how are they to hear without someone to proclaim
him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they
are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of
those who bring good news!'

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

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

#277

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me

First let me hear how
The children stood round His knee
And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace
All in the lovelight of Jesus' face

Into the city I'd follow the children's band
Waving a branch of palm tree high in my hand
One of His heralds, yes, I would sing
Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King"

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

Luke Boswell

Cohen Cruikshank

Isaiah Hillis

Addison Mullennix

Clara Petty

Christian Rios

Wyatt Walker

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

(Thank you for your generosity! To contribute electronically, please see the QR code.)

SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Peace Be Still"

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

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,

for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' ²⁸ Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' ²⁹ He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

SERMON

"Reach Up, Reach Out"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"There's Within My Heart a Melody"

#380

There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low:
Fear not, I am with thee, peace be still,
In all of life's ebb and flow.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
Fills my ev'ry longing, keeps me singing as I go.

All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirred the slumb'ring chords again.

Though sometimes He leads through waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,
See His footprints all the way.

Feasting on the riches of His grace,
Resting 'neath His shelt'ring wing,
Always looking on His smiling face,
That is why I shout and sing.

Soon He's coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown;
I shall reign with Him on high.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"To God Be the Glory"

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory, great things He has done!

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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 in memory of Carole Clarkson, a very loving Mom and Grammy. We miss you dearly and know you are reunited again with Dad.

Love, Cara, Sydney, and Zach Longshore

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Thank you.

