



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 1, 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.

**CONFESION 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!

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**Glory to God. Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

**"Come, Thou Almighty King"** #61

Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing

Help us to praise!

Father all glorious, O'er all victorious

Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days

Come Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword  
Our prayer attend!  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success  
Spirit of holiness, On us descend  
  
Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r  
  
To Thee great One in Three, eternal praises be  
Hence evermore.  
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see  
And to eternity love and adore

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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

*1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

## 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

*“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”* #402

Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian In my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
  
Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart, in my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus, in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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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 5:1-12*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he began to speak and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### SERMON

*“Be Blessed, Not Stressed”*

Rev. Richard Luna

### COMMUNION CONSECRATION

### SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

## COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)

*“Be Thou My Vision”* #451

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art,  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun.  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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*“The Old Rugged Cross”* #504

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  
The emblem of suff'ring and shame  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  
Till my trophies at last I lay down  
I will cling to the old rugged cross  
And exchange it some day for a crown

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share

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*“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!  
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 every care,  
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

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*“Seek Ye First”* #405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His  
righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
Seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, alleluia

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## PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### SONG OF INVITATION

*“Jesus Is All the World to Me”*

#469

Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all;  
He is my strength from day to day,  
Without Him I would fall.  
When I am sad, to Him I go,  
No other one can cheer me so;  
When I am sad, He makes me glad, He's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, my friend in trials sore;  
I go to Him for blessings,  
And He gives them o'er and o'er.  
He sends the sunshine and the rain,  
He sends the harvest's golden grain;  
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain, He's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, and true to Him I'll be;  
O how could I this friend deny,  
When He's so true to me?  
Following Him I know I'm right,  
He watches o'er me day and night;  
Following Him by day and night, He's my friend.

Jesus is all the world to me, I want no better friend;  
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when  
Life's fleeting days shall end.  
Beautiful life with such a friend,  
Beautiful life that has no end;  
Eternal life, eternal joy, He's my friend.

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## SENDING FORTH

## CHORAL RESPONSE

"Precious Name"

#536

Take the name of Jesus with you,  
Child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you;  
Take it then, where e'er you go.

Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.  
Precious name, O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of Heaven.

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*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in  
celebration of Phil and Cathy Williams' 50th wedding  
anniversary.*

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*QR Code provided for your tithes and offerings.  
Thank you.*



## 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.