



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
FEBRUARY 8, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 58*)

Leader: Shout out; do not hold back! Lift up your voice
like a trumpet!

People: **Announce to my people their rebellion, to
the house of Jacob their sins.**

Leader: Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the
bonds of injustice, to undo the straps of the
yoke,

People: **to let the oppressed go free, and to break
every yoke?**

Leader: Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

People: **when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?**

Leader: Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

All: **Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here
I am."**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

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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

Isaiah 58:6-12

⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of
injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the
oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? ⁷Is it not
to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the
homeless poor into your house; when you see the
naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from
your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like
the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the
LORD shall be your rearguard. ⁹Then you shall call, and
the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will
say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among

you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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, Whose Love Through Humble Service" #581

Lord whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need
Who upon the cross forsaken
Worked Your mercy's perfect deed
We your servants bring the worship
Not of voice alone but heart
Consecrating to Your purpose
Ev'ry gift which You impart

Still Your children wander homeless
Still the hungry cry for bread
Still the captives long for freedom
Still in grief we mourn our dead
As You Lord in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul
By Your spirit send Your power
To our world to make it whole

As we worship grant us vision
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quicken sight
Making known the deeds and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear
Stirring us to ardent service
Your abundant life to share

Called by worship to Your service
Forth in Your dear name we go
To the child, the youth, the aged,
Love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort,
Counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom
May Your mercy know, and live.

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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 5:13-16

¹³You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

SERMON

"Make a Difference"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

#569

We've a story to tell to the nations,
That shall turn their hearts to the right,
A story of truth and mercy,
A story of peace and light, a story of peace and light

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
That shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
A song that shall conquer evil
And shatter the spear and sword,
And shatter the spear and sword.

We've a message to give to the nations,
That the Lord who reigneth above,
Hath sent us His Son to save us,
And show us that God is love,
And show us that God is love.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
Who the path of sorrow hath trod,
That all of the world's great peoples
Might come to the truth of God,
Might come to the truth of God.

SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
And the dawning to noonday bright;
And Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
The kingdom of love and light.

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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 to the Glory of God in
honor of Bobbie Sue Woodfin and the amazing 88
years I have been blessed to have her as my mother
AND to my incredible daughter Chloe Woodfin on their
upcoming birthdays. -Jim Woodfin*

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Thank you.*

