



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**JANUARY 25, 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](#).

**PRELUDER**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27)**

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing I asked of the LORD; this I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

People: to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**All**: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek.

**SONG OF PRAISE**

"How Firm a Foundation" #529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

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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 9:1-4*

<sup>1</sup>But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. <sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. <sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

## 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

*"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"* #430

O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret;  
Help me bear the strain of toil  
The fret of care

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broad'ning way,  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me 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 4:18-23*

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

### SERMON

*"Letting Go and Taking Up"*

Rev. Richard Luna

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### SONG OF INVITATION

*"Jesus Calls Us"* #398

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
Of our life's wild restless sea;  
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,  
Saying Christian follow Me.

As of old the apostles heard it  
By the Galilean lake;  
Turned from home and toil and kindred,  
Leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship  
Of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us,  
Saying Christian love Me more.

In our joys and in our sorrows,  
Days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still He calls in cares and pleasures,  
Christian, love Me more than these.

Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies  
Savior, may we hear Thy call,  
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,  
Serve and love Thee best of all.

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## SENDING FORTH

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*"Are Ye Able"*

#530

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are Thine.  
Remold them, make us, like Thee divine.  
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be.  
A beacon to God, to love and loyalty.

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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.