



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JULY 20, 2025  
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**

Leader: The Spirit of God is here inviting us to worship.

**People: The Spirit of God is in our lives.**

Leader: The Spirit of God is found in community and fellowship.

**People: The Spirit of God is guiding us to love and worship. Glory be to God! Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*"Shout to the Lord"*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise  
The wonders of Your mighty love  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath all that I am,  
Never cease to worship You

Shout to the Lord! All the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty, Praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

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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 52:7-9*

<sup>7</sup>"See the one who would not take refuge in God but trusted in abundant riches and sought refuge in wealth!" <sup>8</sup>But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever. <sup>9</sup>I will thank you forever because of what you have done. In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

**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 Jesus, I Have Promised"*

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O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.  
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide

O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear,  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen ,  
Thou guardian of my soul

O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in 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 10: 38-42

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him.  
<sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

SERMON

“Words with Friends”

Rev. Richard  
Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” #399

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
Not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
Ev’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine;  
It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
It shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Benediction Blessing”  
May the Lord bless and keep you in His care.  
As you leave this place, take His love to share.  
Go now in peace for all to see.  
God’s love has come to set us free.

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 to the Glory of God in  
loving memory of Wayne Moore.*

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Thank you.

