



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST
JULY 26, 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 (*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,
his miracles and the judgments spoken.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Since Jesus Came Into My Heart"

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
Since Jesus came into my heart
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought
Since Jesus came into my heart

Since Jesus came into my heart
Since Jesus came into my heart
Floods of joy o'er my soul
Like the sea billows roll
Since Jesus came into my heart

I have ceased from my wand'ring and going astray
Since Jesus came into my heart
And my sins which were many are all washed away
Since Jesus came into my heart

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure
Since Jesus came into my heart
And no dark clouds of doubt now my pathway obscure
Since Jesus came into my heart

I shall go there to dwell in that city I know
Since Jesus came into my heart
And I'm happy so happy as onward I go
Since Jesus came into my heart

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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 8:26-29, 31-39

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we
do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very
Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And
God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind
of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the
saints according to the will of God.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for
those who love God, who are called according to his
purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also
predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son,
in order that he might be the firstborn within a large
family

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God
is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold
his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not
with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring
any charge against God's elect? It is God who
justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who
died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of

God, who indeed intercedes for us!³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?³⁶ As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our 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.

SONGS OF REFLECTION

"I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open up my heart
And let the Healer set me free
I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing
Of when Your love came down yeah

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever

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"You Are My All In All"

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious jew'l
Lord to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

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CHILDREN'S SERMON

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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 13:31-33

³¹ He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' ³³ He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with^[a] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

SERMON

"Small Gifts, Large Miracles"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

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I love Thy kingdom Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be giv'n,
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Are Ye Able”

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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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.

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his brothers, Charles and Craig.*

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