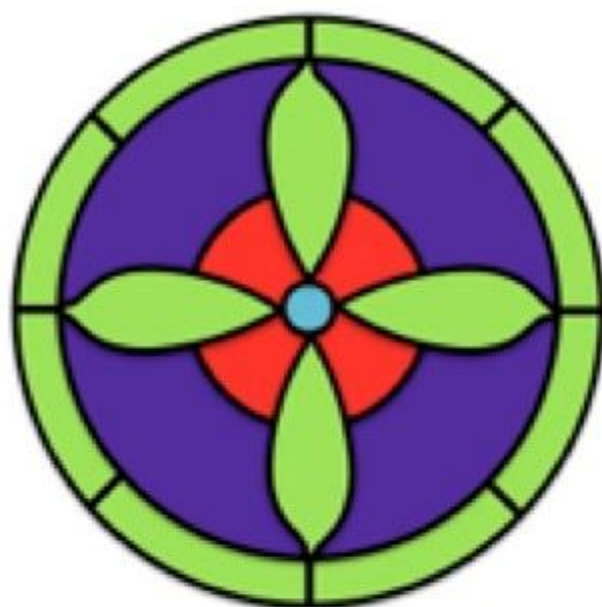




ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 5, 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.

CONFESSION 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

"America the Beautiful"

#696

O beautiful for spacious skies

For amber waves of grain

For purple mountain majesties

Above the fruited plain

America, America, God shed His grace on thee

And crown thy good with brotherhood

From sea to shining sea

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife
Who more than self their country loved
And mercy more than life
America, America, may God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness and ev'ry gain divine

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears
America, America, God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self control
Thy liberty in law

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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 7:15-20

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

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

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,

Seal it for Thy courts above.

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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 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

SERMON

"Give Me A Break"

Rev. Richard Luna

COMMUNION CONSECRATION

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)

"Jesus Loves Me"

#191

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me still today,
Walking with me on my way,
Wanting as a friend to give
Light and love to all who live.

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"Near to the Heart of God"

#472

There is a place of quiet rest,
Near to the heart of God
A place where sin cannot molest,
Near to the heart of God

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God
Hold us who wait before Thee
Near to the heart of God

There is a place of full release,
Near to the heart of God;
A place where all is joy and peace,
Near to the heart of God.

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"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 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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"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

#351

Pass me not, O gentle Savior,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Thou the spring of all my comfort,
More than life to me,
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in Heaven but Thee?

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

#527

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Precious Name"

Take the name of Jesus with you,
Child of sorrow and of woe;
It will joy and comfort give you;
Take it the, where'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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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 loving memory of Dan and Sue Zanne Boone on their anniversary, from their children Vicky and Dan.

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Thank you.*

