



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENEKOST
JUNE 21, 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 86*)

Leader: Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for
I am poor and needy.

People: **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;
save your servant who trusts in you. You are
my God;**

Leader: be gracious to me, O Lord, for to you do I cry
all day long.

People: **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to
you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

All: **For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on
you.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"For The Beauty Of The Earth" #92

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise

For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight;
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild;

Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful
praise

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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

1 John 3:1-13

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we
should be called children of God; and that is what we
are. The reason the world does not know us is that it
did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children
now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What
we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be
like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who
have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is
pure. ⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of
lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he
was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no
sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins
has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let
no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right
is righteous, just as he is righteous. ⁸ Everyone who
commits sin is a child of the devil; for the devil has
been sinning from the beginning. The Son of God was

revealed for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ Those who have been born of God do not sin, because God's seed abides in them; they cannot sin, because they have been born of God. ¹⁰ The children of God and the children of the devil are revealed in this way: all who do not do what is right are not from God, nor are those who do not love their brothers and sisters

¹¹ For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We must not be like Cain who was from the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³ Do not be astonished, brothers and sisters that the world hates you.

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

"Nearer, My God to Thee" #528

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee

There let the way appear, steps unto heaven
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy given
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee

Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Lord Most High"

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

1 Thessalonians 2:9-12

⁹ You remember our labor and toil, brothers and sisters we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

SERMON

"Dad Heart, Dad Hands"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

#140

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

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Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

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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.

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together.*

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