



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 10, 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 *(based on Psalm 139)*

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

People: who, like a mother, knows us intimately and loves us unconditionally.

Leader: Who teaches us the way we should go and comforts us in times of need.

People: We are here to praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life.

All: Let us worship God together!

SONG OF PRAISE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #103

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory; Thou dwellest in light;
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

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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

Psalm 99

¹The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
²The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. ³Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! ⁴Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. ⁵Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! ⁶Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. ⁷He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. ⁸O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. ⁹Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

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 How I Love Jesus" #170

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest name on earth

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because He first loved me!

It tells me of a Saviour's love, who died to set me free
It tells me of His precious blood,
The sinner's perfect plea

It tells of One whose loving heart
Can feel my deepest woe
Who in each sorrow bears a part
That none can bear below

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Let Your Glory Fall" 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 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and
mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering
before our God and Father your work of faith and
labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord
Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters^[a]
beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because
our message of the gospel came to you not in word
only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with
full conviction; just as you know what kind of people
we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you
became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
persecution you received the word with joy inspired by
the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all
the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the
word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only
in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where
your faith in God has become known, so that we have
no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those
regions^[b] report about us what kind of welcome we
had among you, and how you turned to God from
idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for
his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the
dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is
coming.

SERMON

*"Seeing the Elephant and
Hearing the Owl"* Rev. Pauline Storey

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"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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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.

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honor of her dad, Moody Cockerell's birth on Mother's
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