



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
ASCENSION SUNDAY**

**MAY 17, 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**

*"Rise Up O Church of God"*  
Celebration Ringers

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 24*)

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates!

People: **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!**

Leader: Who is the King of glory?

People: **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.**

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People: **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!**

Leader: Who is this King of glory?

People: **The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory.**

All: *Selah*

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*

#154

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall

Bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown Him Lord of all.

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And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,

Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all,

Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget

The wormwood and the gall,

Go spread your trophies at His feet,

And crown Him Lord of all

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And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe

On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe,

And crown Him Lord of all

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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**

*Acts 1:6-14*

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' <sup>7</sup> He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven?

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away.<sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.<sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## 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

*“Fairest Lord Jesus”* #189

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature  
O Thou of God and man the Son  
Thee will I cherish Thee will I honor  
Thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav’n can boast

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine

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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 It Rise”*

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 24:44-53*

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’<sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,<sup>46</sup> and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.’<sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.<sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.<sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;<sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

## SERMON

*“Wait for It”*

Rev. Richard Luna

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

### SONG OF INVITATION

*“Crown Him With Many Crowns”* #327

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake my soul and sing of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high  
Who died, eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power the scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
And all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of love;  
Behold His hands and side,  
Those wounds yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

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## SENDING FORTH

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*"I'll Fly Away"*

Some glad morning when this life is o'er. I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore. I'll fly away

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.

When I die, hallelujah by and by. I'll fly away

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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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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Susan Hricko in loving memory of her husband,  
Ronald T. Hricko.*

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