



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**MAY 24, 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 104*)

Leader: When you send forth your spirit, all things are created,

People: and you renew the face of the ground.

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

People: may the LORD rejoice in his works--

Leader: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

SONG OF PRAISE

"O Spirit of the Living God"

#539

O Spirit of the Living God, Thou light and fire divine,
Descend upon Thy church once more,
And make it truly Thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
With righteousness and peace,
Til Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
And sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God!

With wisdom blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to Thee.

Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious, commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words
Of truth which all may hear,
The language all may understand
When love speaks loud and clear;
Till every age and race and clime
Shall blend their creeds in one,
And earth shall form one family
By whom Thy will is done.

So shall we know the power of Christ
Who came this world to save;
So shall we rise with Him to life
Which soars beyond the grave;
And earth shall win true holiness,
Which makes Thy children whole;
Till, perfected by Thee, we reach
Creation's glorious goal.

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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 2:1-12

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

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

"Spirit of the Living God" #393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me

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"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Holy Spirit"

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

Acts 2:13-21

¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and
glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord
shall be saved.'

SERMON

"Catch the Spirit!"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Breathe On Me Breath Of God" #420

Breathe on me breath of God, fill me with life anew
That I may love what Thou dost love
And do what Thou wouldst do

Breathe on me breath of God, until my heart is pure
Until with Thee I will one will, to do and to endure

Breathe on me breath of God, till I am wholly Thine
Till all this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine

Breathe on me breath of God, so shall I never die
But live with Thee the perfect life of Thine eternity

SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Benediction Blessing"

May the Lord bless and keep you in His care,
As you leave this place take His love to share.
Go now in peace, for all to see.
God's love has come to set us free.

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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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