



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 3, 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#64

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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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

John 14:1-14

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going. ⁵Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth,

and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

"Only Trust Him"

#337

Come ev'ry soul by sin oppressed,
There's mercy with the Lord;
And He will surely give you rest,
By trusting in His Word.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now.
He will save you, He will save you,
He will save you now.

For Jesus shed His precious blood
Rich blessings to bestow;
Plunge now into the crimson flood
That washes white as snow.

Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way
That leads you into rest;
Believe in Him without delay,
And you are fully blest.

Come then and join this holy band,
And on to glory go,
To dwell in that celestial land
Where joys immortal flow.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Gentle Shepherd"

Chancel Choir
Paula Ryburn, flute

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 7:55-60

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

SERMON

"The Witness Against"

Rev. Richard Luna

COMMUNION CONSECRATION

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" #382

Have Thine own way Lord! Have Thine own way
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay
Mold me and make me after Thy will
While I am waiting, yielded and still

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way
Hold o'er my being absolute sway
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me

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"Take Time To Be Holy" #395

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends with God's children,
Help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each tho't and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

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"More Precious Than Silver"

Lord You are more precious than silver
Lord You are more costly than gold
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds
And nothing I desire compares with You

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"Lord Be Glorified"

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In my heart, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,
In my heart, Lord, be glorified today

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

#577

God of grace and God of glory
On Thy people pour Thy power
Crown Thine ancient church's story
Bring her bud to glorious flower
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
For the facing of this hour
For the facing of this hour

Lo the hosts of evil 'round us
Scorn Thy Christ assail His ways
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts to faith and praise
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
For the living of these days
For the living of these days

Cure Thy children's warring madness
Bend our pride to Thy control
Shame our wanton selfish gladness
Rich in things and poor in soul
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal

Save us from weak resignation
To the evils we deplore
Let the search for Thy salvation
Be our glory evermore
Grant us wisdom grant us courage
Serving Thee whom we adore
Serving Thee whom we adore

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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 by Patty & Pat O'Donnell in
celebration of their granddaughter, Marielle's 18th
birthday.*

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Thank you.*

