

St. John's United Methodist Church

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 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
"For All the Saints" #711
For all the saints, who from their labors rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light
Alleluia, Alleluia

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold.
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Alleluia, Alleluia

O blest communion. Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine
Alleluia, Alleluia.
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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 Thessalonians 2:9-13
9 You remember our labour 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. 13 We also constantly give thanks
to God for this, that when you received the word of

God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

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

"Because He Lives" #364

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living just because He lives

How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"We Believe" 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

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 'Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, **2** looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. **3** Consider him who endured such hostility against himself from sinners, so that you may not grow weary or lose heart.

SERMON

"The Joyful Inheritance" Rev. Richard Luna

COMMUNION CONSECRATION

Leader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
Leader: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing….
….And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you,...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
All: Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit....Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you and in our hearts –

Carole Clarkson	8/11/25
Ken Braddy	12/28/25
Mariette Jay Wright	1/2/26
Vicki Poorman	2/9/26
Mary Ann Grayless	2/25/26
J Luckey Reed	4/3/26
Kelly O'Shieles	4/12/26
Joan Allsup	5/28/26
Ginny Griffith	6/3/26
Melba Snedecor	6/16/26
Art Callaham	6/19/26
Sandra Scott	8/5/26
Martha Payne	8/26/26
Dianne Cooner	9/9/26
*Rev. Wilard Charles Fenn	9/11/26
Justin Mullennix	10/19/26
Norma Schorfheide	10/24/26

(All others whom we name in our silence)

Leader: …Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and forever.
All: Amen.

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" #349

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

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"Amazing Grace" #378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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"Lord, I Want to be a Christian" #402

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus,
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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"Pass It On" #572

It only takes a spark to get a fire going
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top
I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Are Ye Able" #530

"Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered
"to the death we follow Thee."

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are Thine.
Remold them, make us, like Thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
A beacon to God, To love, and loyalty.

Are ye able to remember,
When a thief lifts up his eyes,
That his pardoned soul is worthy
Of a place in paradise?

Are ye able when the shadows
Close around you with the sod,
To believe that spirit triumphs,
To commend your soul to God?

"Are ye able?" Still the Master
Whispers down eternity,
And heroic spirits answer
Now, as then, in Galilee

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Are Ye Able

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are Thine.
Remold them, make us, like Thee divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
A beacon to God, to love and loyalty.

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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 to the Glory of God by Gary and Dory Tavener in celebration of their marriage for 61 years.

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