



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

---

---

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**  
**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](#).

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Through our stories of faith and acts of grace, we are reminded that God is here.

**People: It is God who guides us and moves us towards our future.**

Leader: Making a choice to trust this God is an act of worship.

**People: Then we choose to trust God. He is the God of our ancestors and of the next generation. We come to worship! Amen**

**HYMN** *"Blessed Assurance"*

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

© Words and Music Public Domain CCLI License # 901579

**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.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Psalm 78:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.<sup>2</sup>I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,<sup>3</sup>things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.<sup>4</sup>We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.<sup>5</sup>He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;<sup>6</sup>that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children,<sup>7</sup>so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

## THE 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 trespass 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.

## SPECIAL MUSIC "How Great Thou Art"

Ringing Saints

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SHARING OUR GIFTS

Your financial gift makes a difference in people's lives! Together we can continue the teachings of Christ!

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 25:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## SERMON "When The Oil Runs Out"

Rev. Jeff Gantz

## HYMN "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

I love Thy kingdom Lord  
The house of Thine abode  
The church our blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood

I love Thy church O God  
Her walls before Thee stand  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye  
And graven on Thy hand

Sure as Thy truth shall last  
To Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield  
And brighter bliss of heaven

© Words and Music Public Domain CCLI License # 901579

## 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  
Lynnett Alderson and in honor of her dad George  
Guynes' 88th birthday.*