



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**Charge Conference**  
*Sunday, November 9, 2025*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2025**  
**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**

Leader: Worship is how we are created, therefore the call we hear is from within.

**All: We are made to worship.**

Leader: Though there are some who have and still wish to take that freedom from you,

**All: We are FREE to worship this morning.**

Leader: Draw near with a thankful heart, and be grateful to those who have and still protect and serve.

**All: Lord, watch over these and their families. We worship with gratitude and honor their sacrifices.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

*"O Worship the King"*

#73

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
And gratefully sing God's power and God's love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,  
Whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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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**

*Joshua 1:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup>My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you

or forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup>Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup>I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.'

**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**

*“Faith Of Our Fathers”* #710

Faith of our fathers, living still,  
In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;  
O how our hearts beat high with joy  
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will strive  
To win all nations unto Thee;  
And through the truth that comes from God,  
We all shall then be truly free.

Faith of our fathers, we will love  
Both friend and foe in all our strife;  
And preach Thee, too, as love knows how  
By kindly words and virtuous life.

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**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES**

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**SHARING OUR GIFTS**

**8:30** *“Break Forth Into Song”* Chancel Choir  
**11:00** *“Great Are You Lord”* Children’s Choirs

**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**

*2 Thessalonians 2:13-17*

<sup>13</sup>But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup>For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. <sup>16</sup>Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup>comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

**SERMON**

*“Firm Foundation”* Rev. Richard Luna

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

## SONG OF INVITATION

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

#529

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God I will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters He calls thee to go,  
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;  
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

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## SENDING FORTH

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*"He Leadeth Me"*

#128

He leadeth me He leadeth me  
By His own hand He leadeth me  
His faithful follower I would be  
For by His hand He leadeth me

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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 in  
honor of Joe Benes 83rd heavenly birthday. Happy  
Birthday Papa Joe from the Benes Family.*

*The flowers on the piano are in celebration of Dory &  
Gary Tavener's 60th wedding anniversary. Thankful to  
God for his goodness and mercy.*

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Thank you.*

