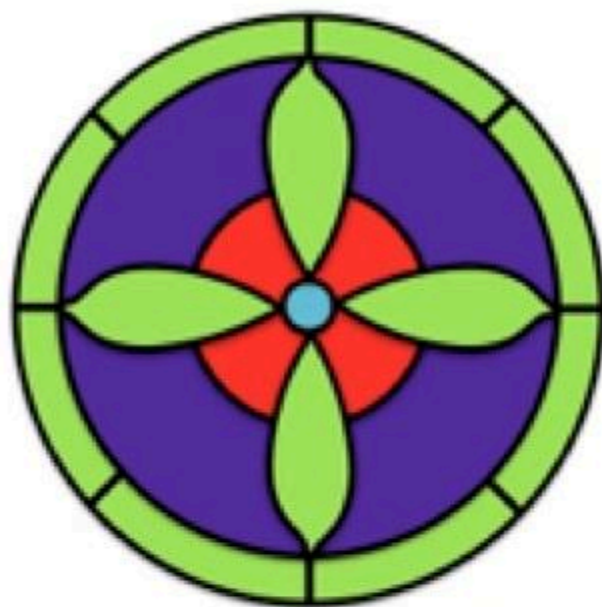




ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST
OCTOBER 11, 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 106*)

Leader: Praise the LORD!

People: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD
or declare all his praise?

People: Happy are those who observe justice, who
do righteousness at all times.

Leader: Remember us, O LORD, when you show
favor to your people; help us when you deliver them;

All: that we may see the prosperity of your chosen
ones, that we may rejoice in the gladness of your
nation, that we may glory in your heritage.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" #160

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks and sing
Your glorious banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
Whilst answering echoes upward float,
Like wreaths of incense cloud.

Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.

At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their Father's house
The pilgrims find their home, Jerusalem the blest.

Praise God who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore.

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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

Philippians 4:1-9

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and
long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in
this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge
Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes,
and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these
women, for they have struggled beside me in the work
of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of
my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵
Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord
is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in
everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all
understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is
honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure,

whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about^[1] these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

"What A Friend We Have In Jesus" #527

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

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

Matthew 22:1-10

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

SERMON

"Count it as Joy!"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Jesus Calls Us"

#398

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying Christian follow Me.

As of old the apostles heard it
By the Galilean lake;
Turned from home and toil and kindred,
Leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying Christian love Me more.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls in cares and pleasures,
Christian, love Me more than these.

Jesus calls us! By Thy mercies
Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

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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 in
loving memory of Cameron and Ethel Williams with
blessings for Philip, Megan, Elizabeth and Philip
Michael Williams by Phil & Cathy Williams.*

*The rose on piano is in celebration of John & Sue
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