



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENECCOST
OCTOBER 18, 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 (*Psalms 99*)

Leader: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

People: **Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!**

Leader: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

People: **They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

Leader: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees and the statutes that he gave them.

People: **O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

Leader: Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain,

All: **for the LORD our God is holy.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Lord of the Dance" #261

I danced in the morning when the world was begun
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun
And I came down from heaven
And I danced on the earth
At Bethlehem I had My birth

Dance then wherever you may be
I am the Lord of the Dance said He
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be
And I'll lead you all in the Dance said He

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow Me
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John
They came to Me and the dance went on

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame
The holy people said it was a shame
They whipped and they stripped
And they hung Me high
And they left Me there on a Cross to die

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back
They buried My body and they thought I'd gone
But I am the dance, and I still go on

They cut Me down and I leapt up high
I am the life that'll never never die
I'll live in you if you'll live in Me
I am the Lord of the Dance said He

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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

1Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering

before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

"Be Glorified"

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

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

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

In our home, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
In our home, Lord, be glorified today.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

8:30 *"Anything But You"* Children's Choirs
11:00 *"Stepping on the Clouds"* Chancel Choir
Carol Edwards, soloist

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 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹ They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²² When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

SERMON

"You are the Treasure!" Rev. Richard Luna

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.

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memory of her mother, Violet Harlan.*

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