



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 20, 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: Give thanks to our God and call on Christ's name!

**People: We proclaim God's grace today and celebrate Christ.**

Leader: Seek the Lord who is with you, right where you are.

**People: We rejoice in the promise that God will never abandon us! Amen!**

**HYMN** *"Leaning On The Everlasting Arms"*

What a fellowship what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

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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.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Psalm 105:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

<sup>2</sup>Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.

<sup>3</sup>Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

<sup>4</sup>Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.

<sup>5</sup>Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

<sup>6</sup>O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

<sup>7</sup>He is the Lord our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**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**

*Randa Bush and Claudia Dyle*

**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

*Exodus 16:2-15*

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but" against the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another,

"What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

## SERMON "Looking for Manna"

Rev. Jeff Gantz

## HYMN "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah  
Pilgrim through this barren land  
I am weak but Thou art mighty  
Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand  
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven  
Feed me now and ever more  
Feed me now and ever more

Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through  
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield  
Be Thou still my strength and shield

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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 by Bill and Debbie Ramsey. We are grateful for the blessings and grace God has given us.*