



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 14, 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 (*Psalms 51*)

Leader: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

People: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Leader: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

People: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

All: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

SONG OF PRAISE

"My Hope Is Built" #368

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In ev'ry high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet
sound, O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne!

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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

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹²I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

"Amazing Grace" #378

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

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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 *"Grace Alone"* Chancel Choir

11:00 *"Love is the Bait"* 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

Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming
near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the
scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow
welcomes sinners and eats with them.' ³So he told
them this parable: ⁴'Which one of you, having a
hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave
the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one
that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he
lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he
comes home, he calls together his friends and
neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I
have found my sheep that was lost." ⁷Just so, I tell
you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner
who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people
who need no repentance. ⁸'Or what woman having ten
silver coins,[a] if she loses one of them, does not light
a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until
she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls
together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice
with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost."
¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the
angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

SERMON

"What's Missing?"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Marching to Zion"

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Come we that love the Lord, And let our joys be
known;

Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We're marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.

Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But children of the heav'nly King,

But children of the heav'nly King
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Before we reach the heav'nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets, or walk the golden streets.

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
We're marching thru Emmanuel's ground,
We're marching thru Emmanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high, to fairer worlds on high.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Are Ye Able" #530

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 flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
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