



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 21, 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 (Psalm 113)

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

People: **Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.**

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised.

People: **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

Leader: Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high?

All: **He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" #127

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and 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.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to Thee;

I will ever give to Thee.

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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 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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 SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

"Find Us Faithful"

Chancel Choir

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 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich
man who had a manager, and charges were brought
to him that this man was squandering his property. ²So

he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I
hear about you? Give me an account of your
management, because you cannot be my manager
any longer." ³Then the manager said to himself, "What
will I do, now that my master is taking the position
away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I
am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so
that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may
welcome me into their homes." ⁵So, summoning his
master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How
much do you owe my master?" ⁶He answered, "A
hundred jugs of olive oil." He said to him, "Take your
bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty." ⁷Then he asked
another, "And how much do you owe?" He replied, "A
hundred containers of wheat." He said to him, "Take
your bill and make it eighty." ⁸And his master
commended the dishonest manager because he had
acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more
shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are
the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for
yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when
it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal
homes. ¹⁰Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful
also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little
is dishonest also in much. ¹¹If then you have not been
faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to
you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful
with what belongs to another, who will give you what is
your own? ¹³No slave can serve two masters; for a
slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be
devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot
serve God and wealth.

SERMON

"Stewardship Matters"

Rev. Richard Luna

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Jesus Calls Us"

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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" #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 altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Leslie Siegel in celebration of her husband, Mike's 78th
birthday.*

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Thank you.*

