



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 28, 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**

*"Festive Celebration"*

Sr. Ringing Saints

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 91*)

Leader: Those who love me, I will deliver;

People: **I will protect those who know my name.**

Leader: When they call to me, I will answer them;

People: **I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.**

All: **With long life I will satisfy them and show them my salvation.**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

*"Majesty"*

#176

Majesty, worship His majesty

Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise

Majesty, kingdom authority

Flow from His throne

Unto His own His anthem raise

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus

Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King

Majesty, worship His majesty,

Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

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*"His Name Is Wonderful"*

#174

His name is wonderful, His name is wonderful,

His name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.

He is the mighty King, Master of ev'rything;

His name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

He's the Great Shepherd, The Rock of all ages,

Almighty God is He; Bow down before Him,

Love and adore Him, His name is wonderful,

Jesus, my Lord.

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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 6:6-19*

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that[d] we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made[e] the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus,

who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

**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**

*"God Will Take Care of You"*  
Be not dismayed whate'er betide  
God will take care of you  
Beneath His wings of love abide  
God will take care of you  
  
God will take care of you  
Through every day o'er all the way  
He will take care of you  
God will take care of you  
  
Through days of toil when heart doth fail  
God will take care of you  
When dangers fierce your path assail  
God will take care of you

#130

All you may need He will provide  
God will take care of you  
Nothing you ask will be denied  
God will take care of you

No matter what may be the test  
God will take care of you  
Lean weary one upon His breast  
God will take care of you

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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** *"Let There Be Praise"*  
**11:00** *"Jubilance"*

Chancel Choir  
Jr. Ringing Saints

**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 16:19-31*  
<sup>19</sup>There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.[g] The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.[h] <sup>24</sup>He called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all

this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.” <sup>27</sup>He said, “Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.” <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, “They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.” <sup>30</sup>He said, “No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” <sup>31</sup>He said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.””

**SERMON**

*“The Undoing of Nothing”* Rev. Richard Luna

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**SONG OF INVITATION**

*“Just a Closer Walk With Thee”*  
I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Just a closer walk with thee  
Grant it Jesus is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be dear Lord let it be

Through this world of toil and snares  
If I falter Lord who cares  
Who with me my burden shares  
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

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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.

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