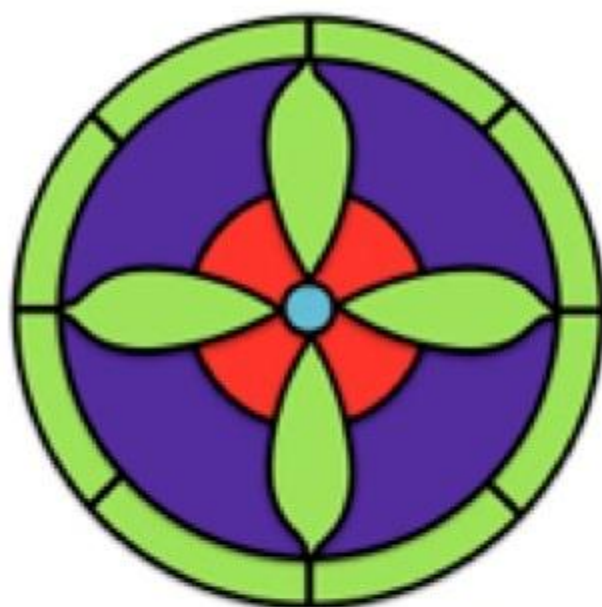




ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Richmond † Texas

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 6, 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

INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sins and seek to live in
peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one
another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved
you with our whole heart.**

We have failed to be an obedient church.

**We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(All pray in silence.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were
yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the
name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

#419

I am Thine O Lord, I have heard Thy voice
And it told Thy love to me
But I long to rise in the arms of faith
And be closer drawn to Thee

Draw me nearer nearer blessed Lord
To the cross where Thou hast died
Draw me nearer nearer nearer blessed Lord
To Thy precious bleeding side

Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord
By the pow'r of grace divine
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope
And my will be lost in Thine

Oh the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend
When I kneel in prayer and with Thee my God
I commune as friend with friend

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with 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

Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the
ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power
to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰ Even
youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall

exhausted; ³¹ but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

“Beneath The Cross Of Jesus” #297

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty rock
Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness,
A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat,
And the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus
Mine eyes at times can see
The very dying form of One
Who suffered there for me;
And from my smitten heart with tears
Two wonders I confess:
The wonder of redeeming love
And my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow
For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than
The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by,
To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame,
My glory all the cross.

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PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS and TITHES

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SHARING OUR GIFTS

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 11:28-30

²⁸ ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

SERMON

“A Theology of Sabbath Rest” Rev. Richard Luna

COMMUNION CONSECRATION

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION TOGETHER

COMMUNION SONGS (first and last verses)

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #301

Jesus, keep me near the cross;
there a precious fountain,
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calvary’s mountain.

In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

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“Take Time To Be Holy” #395

Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends with God's children,
Help those who are weak,

Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each tho't and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shall be fitted for service above.

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"In the Garden"

#314

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me, and He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

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"I Need Thee Every Hour"

#397

I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee every hour, most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son.

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PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SONG OF INVITATION

"Only Trust Him"

#337

Come ev'ry soul by sin oppressed,
There's mercy with the Lord;
And He will surely give you rest,
By trusting in His Word.

Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now.
He will save you, He will save you,
He will save you now.

For Jesus shed His precious blood
Rich blessings to bestow;
Plunge now into the crimson flood
That washes white as snow.

Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way
That leads you into rest;
Believe in Him without delay,
And you are fully blest.

Come then and join this holy band,
And on to glory go,
To dwell in that celestial land
Where joys immortal flow.

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SENDING FORTH

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Victory in Jesus"

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with His redeeming
blood;
He loved me ere I knew Him, and all my love is due
Him
He plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood

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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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wedding anniversary. Love, Cara, Sydney and Zach*

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