

Return to the Lord Your God

Jesus said...
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."
(Matthew 4:10)

March 5, 2017

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Rev. Ji Tai (J. T.) Kim, Senior Pastor

First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion

10:00 am

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Please sign in using the attendance books along the center aisles.

Prelude "Varacini's "Largo"

David Lines, Organist

arr. by Charles Black

ACOLYTES Enter with the symbol of the Light of Christ

MOMENTS OF WELCOME Loretta Cudney, Lay Leader

Greeting Guests Registration Announcements

* CHORAL INTROIT "Seek the Lord" by Hal H. Hopson

The Aldersgate Chorale

Directed by

Yvonne Flagg

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lee Ann Salmon, Liturgist

(Adapted from Matthew 4)

(Leader) In the wilderness of life, we are not alone.

(People) God is with us, even in the midst of our loneliness.

(Leader) On the treacherous paths, God's guidance is ours.

(People) We will walk in God's ways of wisdom and truth.

(Leader) Come to hear. Come to learn.

Come to the hiding place of God.

(People) Here we find grace. Here we find love.

(All) Here we will worship and pray. Amen!

^{*} Trinity Bells (Stand as you are able)

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

Sharing of Joys and Concerns Pastoral Prayer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Pastor) Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

(All) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. (Pastor) Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

(All) I believe 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, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

(Pastor) Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

(All) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* (universal) church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Aldersgate Chorale

"Lord, Give Ear to My Prayer" by Noble Cain

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Lyn Knowles

Parents visiting for the first time, please follow your children to the exit door to register.

SCRIPTURE READING

Lee Ann Salmon, Liturgist

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

(The **Old** Testament, page **2** NRSV)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Holy is the Lord" Aldersgate Chorale

by Franz Schubert; arr. by Fred Bock

* GOSPEL READING

Matthew 4:1-11 Lee Ann Salmon, Liturgist

(The **New** Testament, page 3 NRSV)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ!

All: Glory to You, O Christ! Amen.

SERMON

Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

"GROWING THROUGH TEMPTATIONS"

* HYMN OF INVITATION "God Will Make a Way" (See last page of bulletin for words and music.)

All

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Pastor) Bring praise, bring hope, bring open hearts . . . for God calls us to share our gifts and offerings with the world.

(All) Amen!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Wondrous Love"

David Lines, Organist

by Dale Wood

* Doxology All

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.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

INVITATION

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

CONFESSION

(All) God of mercy and grace, cover our nakedness, and strengthen our vulnerabilities. Forgive us in our sinfulness, and surround us with your faithful love, that we may know true happiness through your mercy and grace. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

PARDON

(Pastor) 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!

(People) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! (All) Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

(People) And also with you.

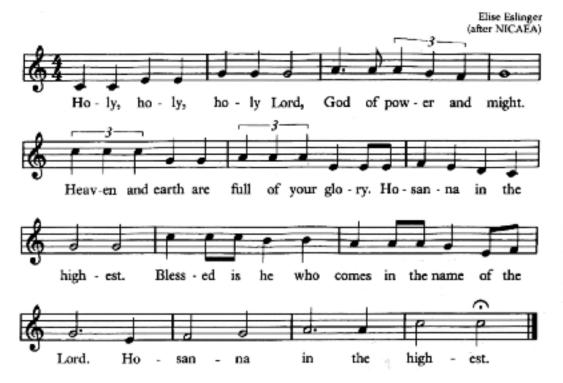
(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

(People) We lift them up to the Lord.

(Pastor) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(People) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth. When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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(Pastor) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry. When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



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(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray: (All) 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, for ever. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Pastor) Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Song of Penitence" by Ludwig Van Beethoven

Paul Akers, Soloist

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. J. T. Kim

* Sending Hymn #666

"Shalom to You"

A11

* BENEDICTION

Rev. J. T. Kim

* CHORAL RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION

Aldersgate Chorale

"Jesus, Our Only Joy" by Paul Sjolund

Postlude

David Lines, Organist

"Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee" by J. S. Bach

^{*} Denotes stand as you are able.

Lorene Haines passed away on March 2, 2017.

Please pray for her sister, Arlene Tillman and niece
Carol Tillman. Service details are pending.

In Our Prayers:

In convalescent care, Marlene Bardarson, Kirk Ferguson, Rev. Bob Mayou, Marjorie Souder, Arlene Tillman, Stewart Thompson

For health and support, Lynn Ashworth, Kim Austin, Rita & Jerry Bee,
Dana & Shawn Bee, Don Blose, Mary Boon, Odis Bracker,
Greg Carcerano, Daniel Castro, Phyllis Chandler, Ellen Charles,
Elizabeth Davis, Helen Dennington, Steve Draisey,
Frank and Maryetta Ferre, Carolyn German,
Kimberly Goforth, Kathy, Barbara Kent, Norma Laird,
Shirley Littleton, Laurel McDonald, McDuffie Family, Dan Miller,
Laurel Morgan, Natalie, Brandy Qualtieri, Amit Roberts,
Chandra Roberts, Paisley Scheller, Bob Schiffer, Micheline Scoggins,
Sarah Six, Mark Spangler, Barbara Spencer, Carol Stalder,
Charlotte Stevenson, Connie & Jim Taylor, Lisa Thomas,
Shirley Whayland & Family, Sherry Weide,
Myra Williams, Gerry Wright

Sign Ups for Lenten Soup Suppers

Our annual Lenten Soup Suppers are about to begin. Today, and the next few Sundays, there will be group lists on the patio where you can sign up to bring soup or breads or mac and cheese.

We look forward to this Lenten season.

Pew Cushions

Remember the Eisenhower Administration? If you don't, our pew cushions do—they've been around quite a while. We can't provide recliners but new pew cushions would make our time together on Sundays so much more comfortable. Consider donating to the Pew Cushion fund.



The recommendation of the church growth consultant to get rid of hard wooden pews was quickly accepted at Eastside Church.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you would like to be part of our church family by joining the church through Baptism or Reaffirmation of Faith, please consider attending the following classes. Upon completion of the classes, you will be welcomed into the membership on Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017.

Five Thursday mornings in the Conference Room, 10:00 am to 11:00 am: March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30.

Lenten Study 2017

"RESTORED: Finding Redemption in Our Mess" Based on Tom Berlin's book and video resources. (Book available for \$12 on the patio today.)

(2) "WHO LEFT THIS MESS"

"You are saved by God's grace because of your faith. This salvation is God's gift. It's not something you possessed. It's not something you did that you can be proud of." (Ephesians 2:8-9)

> Lenten Soup Series #1 Wednesday, March 8, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

(3) "BLESS THIS MESS"

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

(Romans 3:23-24, NIV)

Lenten Soup Series #2 Wednesday, March 15, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

(4) "NO MESSING AROUND"

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it."

(1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, NIV)

Lenten Soup Series #3 Wednesday, March 22, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

(5) "ADDRESS THIS MESS"

"Happy are the people whose strength is in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage."

(Psalm 84:5, HCSB)

Lenten Soup Series #4 Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

(6) "THE MESSAGE IN THE MESS"

"I'm sure about this: the one who started a good work in you will stay with you to complete the job by the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

> Lenten Soup Series #5 Wednesday, April 5, 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall





"Hope is the pillar of the world." - African Proverb

The United Methodist Men are pleased to schedule **Kirsten Snyder** to speak at our March 12 breakfast at 7:00 am in Fellowship Hall (next Sunday). Kirsten will be presenting the program on **Senior Care Options** we should be aware of in our community. Kirsten is Norma Nelson's daughter who has worked in the field for some 17 years, helping families make these important decisions.

What types of housing and care are available?

Where are the various options located in our community?

What is the typical cost?

Come and enjoy a great breakfast and learn what you may need to know to help with a loved one someday.

We would like to thank Julia Bidwell for presenting our February program. It was organized and received well. Helping our homeless should always be a high priority.

Reminder: Methodist Men will be having their annual **Silent Auction** in May, and we can use your help again. Collect all those artsy items and save them for us. Specifics will be forthcoming. All money raised will go for scholarships and major projects. Cash or check contributions will also be accepted and appreciated.



March 2017

Handcrafters (Asbury) 10:00 AM March 8, 15, 22, 29

- 8 Executive Committee (Mary's Kitchen) 9:00 AM
- 13 Almond/Wesleyan Circle Potluck (Mary's Kitchen) 12:00 Noon
- 15 Serving Lenten Soup Supper (No Unit Meeting)
- 28 Citrus Circle (Adult Lounge) 7:00 PM, Leader: Kate Hunter

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This meeting on March 8 is the earliest date possible for the second Wednesday of the month! BE SURE TO KEEP REMINDING YOURSELF the meeting is this coming Wednesday at 9:00AM in Mary's Kitchen. The decisions that need to be made are wiser and easier when everyone is there. Don't miss it!

LAUNDRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are able to wash and iron a few tea-towels, please contact Shirley Parks or come on Wednesday morning to sign them out. We need to get the towels ready for the embroiderers. They are among our best sellers at the Fall Bazaar.

SOUP CHEFS NEEDED

On Wednesday, March 15, UMW is assigned to bring soups to the Lenten Dinner. If you have not yet signed up, call Bertha (689-3610).

Please bring your soup to Fellowship Hall by 5:15 pm to help get set up for the evening. Plan to stay a few minutes afterwards to help clean up.

HANDCRAFTERS

To give you plenty of time to make your delicious soup, there is no Unit Meeting on March 15. However, Handcrafters WILL meet. Please plan to come to Handcrafters every Wednesday in March!

UMW LEGACY FUND

The international campaign to create an endowment fund, to protect UMW mission projects into the future, will be ongoing through 2019, which is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Methodist women's movement dedicated to helping women and children in need.

We, as individuals, are asked to consider what UMW has meant in our lives and those of our forebearers and make a contribution to ensure that the work continues. The next date for sending our gifts to the Legacy Fund is March 23. Make out your check to United Methodist Women with "Legacy Fund" on the note line. Send it to Patti Gardenias by March 15 so she can send our donations on (6686 DeAnza Ave. Riverside 92506).

ALMOND/ WESLEYAN CIRCLE

Our next luncheon potluck is on Monday, March 13, at noon in Mary's Kitchen. All are invited!



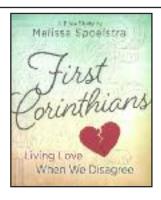
CROP Walk

Riverside CROP Hunger Walk Sunday March 19, 1:00 p.m. Temple Beth El, 2675 Central Avenue

CROP Hunger Walks are community events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations to raise money and awareness for community and worldwide hunger relief efforts. FUMCOR has participated in the Riverside CROP Walk since 1976. Between now and March 19th, please visit the table on the patio to sign up as a walker or a sponsor. You may also donate and/or register to walk online at www.crophungerwalk.org/riversideca/FUMCOR. Thank you for four decades of faithful support!

Women's Bible Study Coming Up

Wednesdays, April 19 to May 24
Women's Bible Study in AL
First Corinthians:
Living Love When We Disagree
by Melissa Spoelstra



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YOUTH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 5

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in YC.

6:00 pm—Youth meeting in YC.



Sunday, March 12

Youth Sunday

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in YC.

12:00 pm—Bowling at Arlington Lanes. All are welcome!

Sunday, March 19

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in YC.

1:00 pm—CROP Walk No Youth Meeting in the evening.

Sunday, March 26

9:15 am—Youth Sunday School in YC.

6:00 pm—Youth meeting in YC.

This Week at FUMCOR

Sunday, March 5		Thursday, March 9	
8:45 am	Adult Bible Study—AL	6:30 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
8:45 am	Youth Bells		—Mary's Kitchen
	—Mary's Kitchen	10:00 am	New Members Class
9:15 am	Youth Sunday School—YC		—Conference Room
10:00 am	Worship/Communion	7:00 pm	Aldersgate Chorale
11:15 am	Church & Society/		—Music Room
	Missions—Adult Lounge		
6:00 pm	Youth Meeting—YC		Sunday, March 12
		7:00 am	UMM Breakfast Program
	Monday, March 6		—Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm	Trustees—Mary's Kitchen	8:45 am	Adult Bible Study—AL
7:00 pm	Worship Committee	8:45 am	Youth Bells—Sanctuary
	—Adult Lounge	9:15 am	Youth Sunday School—YC
		10:00 am	Worship/Youth Sunday/
	Tuesday, March 7		Youth Bells
9:00 am	Staff Meeting	11:15 am	Website Evaluation Mtg.
	—Conference Room		—Mary's Kitchen
10:00 am	Bible Study	11:15 am	Evangelism/Discipleship
	—Mary's Kitchen		—Adult Lounge
7:00 pm	Allegro Ringers	12:00 pm	Youth Bowling
	—Mary's Kitchen		Arlington Lanes

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 am	UMW Executive	
	Comm.—Mary's Kitchen	
10:00 am	Handcrafters—Asbury	
6:00 pm	Lenten Soup Supper &	
-	Study—Fellowship Hall	

The ministers of First United Methodist Church of Riverside are its members. Assisting them are Bishop Grant J. Hagiya; District Superintendent Jan Wiley, and the church staff: Sr. Pastor, Rev. J. T. Kim; Rev. Roy Riggs, Retired Minister; Office Manager, Becky Ruiz; Secretary, Stephanie Chandler; Director of Children's & Women's Ministries, Barbara Jo Wilson; Aldersgate Director, Yvonne Flagg; Organist, David Lines; Bell Choirs Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Youth/Young Adult Director, Dr. Kate Hunter; Lay Leader, Loretta Cudney; Preschool Director, Karen Wilson.

Dedications are being taken now for the lilies to			
grace our sanctuary this Easter. Please complete			
this form and return it to the church office by			
Friday, March 31.			
Cost of a potted lily is \$10.00. Checks should be			
made out to First United Methodist Church			
(FUMCOR), and marked "Lílíes".			
Donors may pick up their plants after the Easter			
worship service.			
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