



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)
 May 3, 2020, 10 a.m. 4th Sunday of Easter; Holy Communion Sunday (Church@Home)
 ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE: <https://facebook.com/firstchurchriverside/>

A Prayer Before Worship@Home:

*Triune God, be present with us as we turn our hearts to worship you.
 We thank you that you are present everywhere at once, and so we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit to pour out upon those who lead us in worship and upon every worshipping community gathered anywhere throughout your beautiful world.
 May Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, meet us powerfully to the glory of God the Father. Amen.*
 (Adapted from [MinistryMatters](#) Online Resource, April 21, 2020)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” (by Wilbur Held) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS

OPENING HYMN: #189 “Fairest Lord Jesus”/ All (Led by Dominic Salvati; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of all the na - tions!

O thou of God and man the Son, thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul’s glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

WORDS: *Münster Gesangbuch*, 1677; trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873
 MUSIC: *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842; arr. by Richard Storrs Willis, 1850
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WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Adapted from Psalm 23 & John 10*) / All

(Pastor) The Lord is our shepherd.

(All) We are the sheep of Christ's pasture.

(Pastor) The shepherd makes us lie down in green pastures.

(All) In Christ, we dwell secure.

(Pastor) The shepherd leads us beside still waters and restores our souls.

(All) We worship Christ, our shepherd, our gate. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS / Pastor Kim

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Rev. J. T. Kim

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:19-25 / Rev. J. T. Kim

Jesus: The Shepherd and Guardian of Your Souls

¹⁹For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² 'He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

(Pastor) This is the Word of God for the People of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Above All" (*by Michael W. Smith*) / Dominic Salvati, Soloist;

Accompanied by Robert Phillips

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10 / Rev. J. T. Kim

Jesus the Good Shepherd

¹Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him

because they do not know the voice of strangers.' ⁶Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

(Pastor) This is the Word of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON: "LIVING AN ABUNDANT LIFE IN THE STRANGEST TIMES" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

HYMN: #136 "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" / All (Led by Dominic Salvati; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)



1. The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2. My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4. My ta-ble thou hast fur-nish-ed in pres-ence of my foes;
5. Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me;



in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing place shall be.

WORDS: *Scottish Psalter*, 1650 (Ps. 23)

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Rev. J. T. Kim

(Pastor) The Good Shepherd provides for our needs; we lack nothing. We come now to share from the abundance that we have received.

(All) Amen!

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- Or please consider automatic draft through your bank

DOXOLOGY: #95 / All

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow / Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts / Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON) / Led by Rev. J. T. Kim

Holy One, we offer these gifts with gratitude for the many ways you care for us. Use these gifts, and our very lives, O God, that all might have life, and have it abundantly. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(Please have your own bread and juice ready for you and your family at home)

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(All) Loving Shepherd, you lead us along right paths and give us abundant life. Still, we resist your call. We want to be in control; we wish to determine our own direction. Forgive us when we ignore your voice and turn away. Bring us back into your fold through the gates of your redeeming love. 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) Christ be with you.

(People) And also with you.

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

(People) We lift them up to God.

(Pastor) Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

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

(Pastor) It is a right, good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give our thanks to you, who has raised Christ from the dead, and who has given us the promise of new life in his name. We give you thanks for prophets and apostles, for the disciples who ran to see the empty tomb, for the faith and testimony of Mary Magdalene, and for the women and men in every age who have witnessed to the power of the risen Christ: for healing, forgiveness, and new life.

And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All Singing)

Elise Eslinger
(after NICAEA)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on four staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.' with a triplet of eighth notes on 'ho - ly'. The second staff continues with 'Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the' and features two triplet markings over eighth notes. The third staff continues with 'high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the'. The fourth staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and ends with a double bar line.

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(Pastor) Holy are you, and holy is your son, Jesus Christ, who in life brought healing and freedom to all who were oppressed; who even in death on the cross, forgave his enemies; and who rose from the dead and lives in us today.

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

When the supper was over, Jesus took the cup, offered thanks and gave it to the disciples, saying: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life in 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 your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Singing)

Elise Eslinger

Christ has died, Christ is ris - en, Christ will come a - gain!

The musical score is written on a single staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a final note on 'gain!' marked with a fermata.

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1. Thine be, the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 2. Lo! Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb;
 3. No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life!

end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.
 lov - ing - ly he greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom.
 Life is naught with - out thee; aid us in our strife.

An - gels in bright rai - ment rolled the stone a - way,
 Let the church with glad - ness hymns of tri - umph sing,
 Make us more than con - quering, through thy death - less love;

kept the fold - ed grave - clothes where thy bod - y lay.
 for our Lord now liv - eth; death hath lost its sting.
 bring us safe through Jor - dan to thy home a - bove.

Refrain

Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son;
 end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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BENEDICTION / Rev. J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: "Thine Be the Glory" (by A. D. Miller) / Robert Phillips, Organist

God Bless You! Stay with Christ!



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