



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)

June 21, 2020, 10 a.m.: Third Sunday after Pentecost;
Father's Day (Church@Home)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE:

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Salvation Now Has Come for All" (by Dietrich Buxtehude) Robert Phillips,
Organist

TRINITY BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Bev Devine

OPENING HYMN: #2236 TFWS "Gather Us In"

CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Laird, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Are any among us weary? Do we carry heavy burdens?

(All) Here is a place of rest. Here we encounter Christ's healing and grace.

(L) Are any among us frantic and scattered, breathless in our busy-ness?

(All) Here is a place of deep peace. In our worship, we meet the unhurried God.

(L) Are any among us feeling brittle and broken, thirsty for the gospel?

(All) Here we encounter Jesus, the living water – tranquil and ever-present.

(L) Are any among us feeling hollow and empty, hungry for truth?

(All) Here we encounter Christ, the bread of life – nourishment for the journey.

Alleluia! Amen!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

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, forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 The Message (MSG)

18-21 The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hellbent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It's written,

I'll turn conventional wisdom on its head,
I'll expose so-called experts as crackpots.

So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn't God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered dumb— *preaching*, of all things!— to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.

22-25 While Jews clamor for miraculous demonstrations and Greeks go in for philosophical wisdom, we go right on proclaiming Christ, the Crucified. Jews treat this like an *anti*-miracle— and Greeks pass it off as absurd. But to us who are personally called by God himself— both Jews and Greeks— Christ is God's ultimate miracle and wisdom all wrapped up in one. Human wisdom is so tinny, so impotent, next to the seeming absurdity of God. Human strength can't begin to compete with God's "weakness."

26-31 Take a good look, friends, at who you were when you got called into this life. I don't see many of "the brightest and the best" among you, not many influential, not many from high-society families. Isn't it obvious that God deliberately chose men and women that the culture overlooks and exploits and abuses, chose these "nobodies" to expose the hollow pretensions of the "somebodies"? That makes it quite clear that none of you can get by with blowing your own horn before God. Everything that we have— right thinking and right living, a clean slate and a fresh start— comes from God by way of Jesus Christ. That's why we have the saying, "If you're going to blow a horn, blow a trumpet for God."

(Liturgist) May God add blessing to the reading of scripture. **(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: "Nobody" The Response Band

SERMON: "GOD'S PROTEST MOVEMENT"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV)

The Beatitudes

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

HYMN #399 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Kris Lovekin

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DOXOLOGY: "All Creatures of Our God and King" Verse 7

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN: #2172 TFWS "We Are Called"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *"Salvation Now Has Come for All"* (by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau)



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