



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)
July 19, 2020, 10 a.m.: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship (Livestream)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE:

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Cantabile" (by César Franck)/ Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

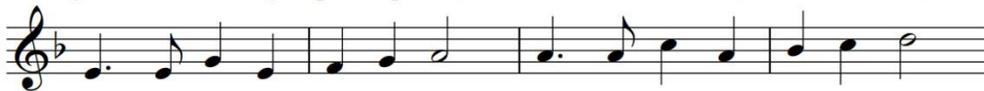
OPENING HYMN: #694 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"/ All (Led by Kris Lovekin;
Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)



1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home;
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come, bring thy fi - nal har-vest home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown are to joy - or sor - row grown;
from the field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God our Mak - er doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear;
giv - ing an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide;



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come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in the gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har vest home.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Liturgies adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual, 2020*) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) We wait with hope,

(All) for God's promises are sure.

(L) We wait with patience,

(All) for God's time is a mystery.

(L) Come and worship.

(All) We will wait upon the Lord together. Amen!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Pastor J. T. Kim

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) / 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 and ever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Loretta Cudney

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 28:10-19 (NRSV) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

Jacob's Dream at Bethel

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!' ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹He called that place Bethel;

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "All the People Said Amen" (by Matt Maher, Paul Moak, & Trevor Morgan)/
The Response Praise Band

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

²⁴He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" ²⁸He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" ²⁹But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds

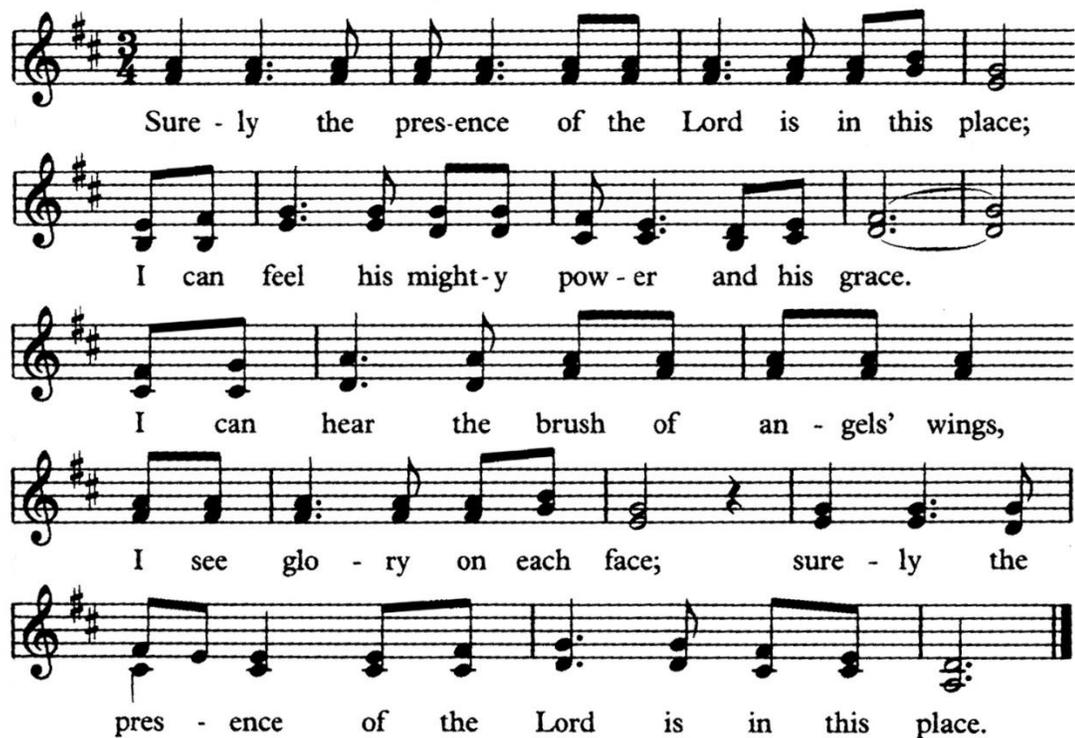
³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' ³⁷He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

(Liturgist) This is the Word of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ!

SERMON: "PARABLES BY THE SEA #2: THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #328 "Surely the Presence of the Lord" / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)



Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place;
 I can feel his might - y pow - er and his grace.
 I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings,
 I see glo - ry on each face; sure - ly the
 pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Pastor J. T. Kim

(Pastor) Just as God received Jacob's gift of oil poured on the stone that had been his pillow, God receives our humble gifts today as an act of worship. May our offering make God's name known in places where God is needed.

(All) Amen!

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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) / All (Led by Pastor J. T. Kim)

God of ancient times and future hope, we bring these gifts to bless your world with hope. Please bless these gifts, that they may be a blessing to others. And bless us with patience and faith, that we may bring hope to a hurting world.
 Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #534 "Be Still, My Soul" / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)



1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
 to guide the fu - ture, as in a - ges past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



in ev - ery change God faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly friend
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION / Pastor J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (by Alan Bullard)/ Robert Phillips,
 Organist

God Bless You! Stay in Love with God!



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