



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

July 26, 2020, 10 a.m.: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Worship (Livestream)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE:** *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"* (by Albert L. Travis)/ Robert Phillips, Organist

**TRINITY BELLS** / Robert Phillips, Organist

**OPENING HYMN: #453 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"**/ All (Led by Dominic Salvati; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)



1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
 3. Let sor - row do its work, come grief and pain;  
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee.  
 now thee a - lone I seek, give what is best.  
 sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,  
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;



This is my ear - nest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
 this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;



more love to thee, more love to thee!  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

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

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

(Liturgist) Praise the Lord!

**(All) We gather to sing praises to God.**

(L) Praise the Lord!

**(All) We gather to give thanks for all God has done in our lives.**

(L) Praise the Lord!

**(All) We gather to worship our creator, redeemer, and sustainer. 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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME / Valerie Othon

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8:26-39 (NRSV) / Valerie Othon, Liturgist

*God's Love in Christ Jesus*

**<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.**

**<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.**

**<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'**

**<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor**

things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

**INTERLUDE: "I Will Rise"** (by Louie Giglio, Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Matt Maher  
Matt Maher)/ Dominic Salvati, Soloist (Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52** (NRSV) / Valerie Othon, Liturgist

*The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

<sup>31</sup>He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

*The Parable of the Yeast*

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

*Three Parables*

<sup>44</sup>The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*Treasures New and Old*

<sup>51</sup>'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

(Liturgist) This is the Word of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ!

**SERMON: "PARABLES BY THE SEA #3: THE PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

**HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Where Jesus Is, 'Tis Heaven"** / All (Led by Dominic Salvati; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)



1. Since Christ my soul from sin set free, This world has been a Heav'n to me;  
 2. Once Heav - en seemed a far - off place, Till Je - sus showed His smil - ing face;  
 3. What mat - ters where on earth we dwell? On moun - tain - top, or in the dell,



And 'mid earth's sor - rows and its woe, 'Tis Heav'n my Je - sus here to know.  
 Now it's be - gun with - in my soul, 'Twill last while end - less ag - es roll.  
 In cot - tage, or a man - sion fair, Where Je - sus is, 'tis Heav - en there.

*Refrain*



Oh, hal - le - lu - jah, yes, 'tis Heav'n, 'Tis Heav'n to know my sins for - giv'n;



On land or sea, what mat - ters where?— Where Je - sus is, 'tis Heav - en there.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Pastor J. T. Kim**

(Pastor) Christ reminds us that our treasures, our gifts from God, are most beneficial when they are used for the kingdom of God. May this be the time when we bring forth our gifts to be blessed by God.

**(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)**

Almighty God, there are treasures all around us – family, friends, your abiding presence, and the love of Christ Jesus. Bless these gifts we return to you now. Bless them, that others might come to know the true treasures of your love and grace. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: #369 "Blessed Assurance" / All (Led by Dominic Salvati; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)**



1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;



O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!  
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;  
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove  
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,



born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song,



prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



this is my sto - ry, this is my song,



prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

BENEDICTION / Pastor J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: "Prelude on Blessed Assurance" (by Gordon Young)/ Robert Phillips,  
 Organist

**God Bless You! Stay in Love with God!**





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