



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)
August 2, 2020, 10 a.m.: 9th Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion
ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream):
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *“Softly and Tenderly”* (by Van Denman Thompson)/ Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

OPENING HYMN: #348 *“Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling”* / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
4. O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised,

call - ing for you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's
plead - ing for you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and
pass - ing from you and from me; shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
prom - ised for you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has

wait - ing and watch - ing, watch - ing for you and for me.
heed not his mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me?
death - beds are com - ing, com - ing for you and for me.
mer - cy and par - don, par - don for you and for me.

Refrain

Come home, come home; you who are
wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,
Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP / Daryl Salmon, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Come, all who are weary.

(All) Christ strengthens us with love and grace.

(L) In this strength, we can do all things.

(All) We are here, ready to receive God's blessings. Amen!

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THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Pastor J. T. Kim

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed / All

(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* (*meaning: "universal") church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

(Adapted from Baptismal Covenant based on UM Hymnal #881: Traditional Version)

CHILDREN'S TIME / Daryl Salmon

INTERLUDE: "*Grace Alone*" (by Scott Wesley Brown & Jeff Nelson; Arranged by Carl Seal) / Phil Bremenstuhl, Soloist (Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 14:13-21 (NRSV) / Daryl Salmon, Liturgist

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves,

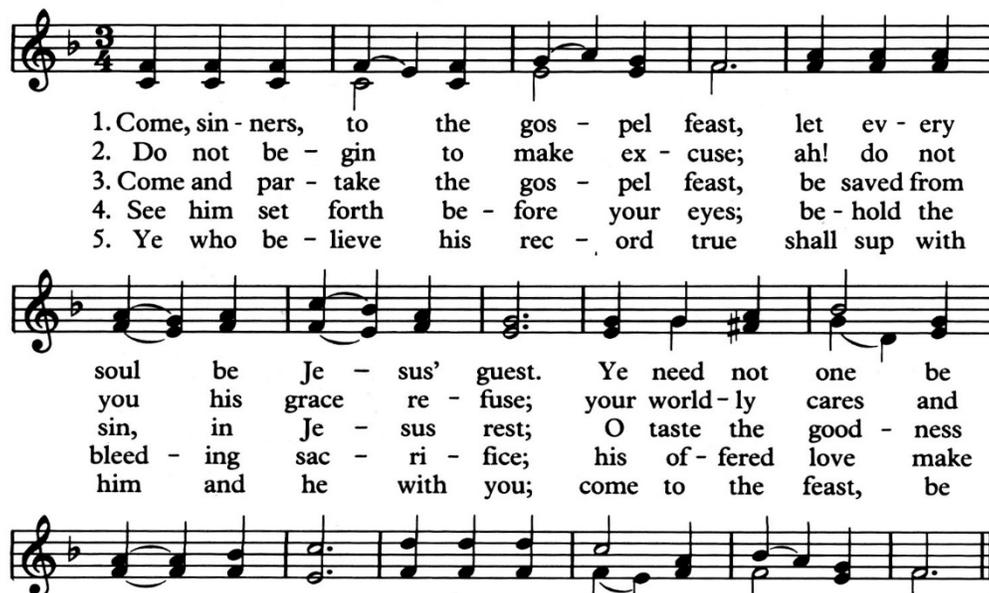
and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(Liturgist) This is the Word of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ!

SERMON: "MULTIPLY YOUR 'LOAVES AND FISH'!" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #616 "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuh; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)



1. Come, sin - ners, to the gos - pel feast, let ev - ery
2. Do not be - gin to make ex - cuse; ah! do not
3. Come and par - take the gos - pel feast, be saved from
4. See him set forth be - fore your eyes; be - hold the
5. Ye who be - lieve his rec - ord true shall sup with
soul be Je - sus' guest. Ye need not one be
you his grace re - fuse; your world - ly cares and
sin, in Je - sus rest; O taste the good - ness
bleed - ing sac - ri - fice; his of - fered love make
him and he with you; come to the feast, be
left be - hind, for God hath bid all hu - man - kind.
plea - sures leave, and take what Je - sus hath to give.
of our God, and eat his flesh and drink his blood.
haste to em - brace, and free - ly now be saved by grace.
saved from sin, for Je - sus waits to take you in.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

INVITATION

(Pastor) As Jesus welcomed the thousands to share in a feast created from a few loaves and some fish, Christ welcomes us now to this abundant feast of holy communion, where we are fed with God's grace and love.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Adapted from Genesis 32, Psalm 17)*

(Pastor) God who sees, knows, and touches us, we have many things in our lives that we are not proud of.

(People) We are scared to come before you with all that we are.

(Pastor) We are frightened that you will judge us and find us wanting.

(People) We are afraid of your rejection or abandonment.

(Pastor) Forgive our shortcomings, large and small.

(People) Reassure us that you are always present with us, that you always love us and want only the best for us.

(Pastor) Forgive our fearful reluctance to open ourselves fully to an encounter with your holy presence.

(People) Wrestle with us, touch us, and awaken us to your love – a love that never lets us go.

(All) Meet us face to face, that we may be forever changed. 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 our thanks to the Lord our God.

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

(Pastor) You created us in your image, called us to be your people, and always lead us on the paths of life. When we were lost and afraid, in your compassion and forgiveness you

passed over us, offering a path of new beginnings and hope. Even when we turned away, you continued to walk with us, extending the hand of steadfast love. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son, Christ Jesus, to reveal your grace in the world, and to call us to reconciliation and faithful relationship.

(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.

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(Pastor) In remembrance and gratitude, we break this bread remembering the words of your Son: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

As we fill this cup, we give thanks and remember Jesus' words of life: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my life poured out for you, and for many, in a new covenant 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 of love and grace, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Singing)

Elise Eslinger



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(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the life and love of Christ, that we may be for the world disciples of Christ, redeemed by your love and fed by your grace. Awaken us with your Spirit, that we may be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world. Shine upon our lives, that we may proclaim your love, feed the hungry, and show compassion to all, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through Jesus the Christ, together with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forevermore.

(All Singing)

Elise Eslinger



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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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our

unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants and witnesses to the world.

Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: #526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"/ All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there
3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry
trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged;
with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge;

ev - ery - thing to God in prayer! O what peace we of - ten
take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so
take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear, all be -
faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus
sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his

cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.
knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

BENEDICTION / Pastor J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: "Toccata" (by Gordon Young)/Robert Phillips, Organist

God Bless You! Stay in Love with God!



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