



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)
July 5, 2020, 10 a.m.: Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion
ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE:
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"* (by Dale Wood)/ Robert Phillips,
Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

OPENING HYMN: #400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" / All (Led by Phil
Bremenstuh; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -

sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good plea - sure,
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,

call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - dering heart to thee. Prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! I'm
stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God; he, to res - cue
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O

fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Liturgies Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual*, 2020) / Cindy Marr, Liturgist

(Liturgist) The music is playing, and God is calling.

(All) We have come to sing and dance with God.

(L) The prayers are flowing, and Spirit is moving.

(All) Breathe on us, breath of God.

(L) Christ promises rest and renewal, when we come to him.

(All) We are here, trusting this sacred promise. Amen!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Pastor J. T. Kim

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Congregational Prayer (Unison) ("*Independence Day Prayer*" from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, #442, by Andy Lanford) / All

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth.

**Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed
the responsibility of government and leadership
in the nations of the world.**

**Give to them the vision of truth and justice,
that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together.**

**Give to the people of our country
zeal for justice and strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will.**

**Forgive our shortcomings as a nation;
purify our hearts to see and love the truth.**

We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Cindy Marr

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 7:15-25a (NIV) / Cindy Marr, Liturgist

The Inner Conflict

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" (Words by Charles Wesley; Music by Philip Stopford) / Phil Bremenstuhl, Soloist (Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV) / Cindy Marr, Liturgist

Come to Me

²⁸Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

(Liturgist) This is the Word of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ!

SERMON: "COME TO CHRIST! NEAR TO THE HEART OF GOD" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #472 "Near to the Heart of God" / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)



1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God;
2. There is a place of com-fort sweet, near to the heart of God;
3. There is a place of full re-lease, near to the heart of God;



a place where sin can - not mo-lest, near to the heart of God.
a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

Refrain



O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,



hold us who wait be - fore thee near to the heart of God.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Pastor J. T. Kim

(Pastor) Come to Christ and offer your gifts, not as a burden, but as an opportunity to give rest and renewal to those who yearn to know God's love.

(All) Amen!

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- You can also drop off your offering envelope into the church office mail slot;
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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)

Receive these gifts we now bring, God of gifts, and bless them to be gifts for your world. Through our giving, renew others, that they too may know the comfort and rest of living in the arms of your compassion and your love. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

(Please have your own Bread and Cup for Communion ready at your home setting)

INVITATION

(Pastor) Come to Christ with the confidence of children, for Christ will carry our burdens, renew our souls, and give us rest, through his mercy and grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(All) Gracious God, you call us to new places and new ways. You challenge us to dance new steps and to sing new songs. We yearn to follow you with confidence and joy, but our resistance is often stronger than our willingness. At times, our steps falter. At moments, we can't even hear your voice, let alone recognize your song in our hearts.

Strengthen us with your mercy. Renew us with your grace. Sing to us with your compassion. Connect us with the yoke of unconditional love, that we may follow joyously, dance confidently, and sing praise and love with every act and with every word of our lives. In your holy name, we pray. 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 God.

(Pastor) Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

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

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven 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.

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(Pastor) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come

when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

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

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of 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."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Singing)

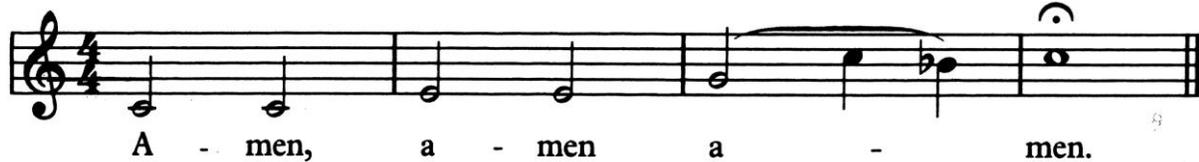


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(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, showing forth the fruit of the Spirit until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

(All Singing)



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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) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: #696 "America the Beautiful" / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl;
Accompanied by Robert Phillips)**

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of
 2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing
 3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the

grain; for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a -
 strife, who more than self their coun - try loved, and
 years thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un -

bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!
 dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca!

God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with
 May God thy gold re - fine, till all suc - cess be
 God mend thine ev - ery flaw, con - firm thy soul in

broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 no - ble - ness, and ev - ery gain di - vine.
 self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

BENEDICTION / Pastor J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: "The Stars and Stripes Forever" (by John Philip Sousa) / Robert Phillips,
 Organist

God Bless You! Stay in Love with God!



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