



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)  
August 16, 2020, 10 a.m.: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship (Livestream)  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE:  
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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Prelude on 'Dennis'" (by David Paxton)/ Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

OPENING HYMN: #553 "And Are We Yet Alive"/ All (Led by Kris Lovekin;  
Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)



1. And are we yet a - live, and see each  
2. Pre - served by power di - vine to full sal -  
3. What trou - bles have we seen, what might - y  
4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us  
5. Then let us make our boast of his re -  
6. Let us take up the cross till we the



oth - er's face? Glo - ry and thanks to  
va - tion here, a - gain in Je - sus'  
con - flicts past, fight - ings with - out, and  
by his love; and still he doth his  
deem - ing power, which saves us to the  
crown ob - tain, and glad - ly reck - on



Je - sus give for his al - might - y grace!  
praise we join, and in his sight ap - pear.  
fears with - in, since we as - sem - bled last!  
help af - ford, and hides our life a - bove.  
ut - ter - most, till we can sin no more.  
all things loss so we may Je - sus gain.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP / John Zeeb, Liturgist

(Liturgist) When hatred and division separate us,

**(All) God's love binds us together.**

(L) When quarrels estrange us from one another,

**(All) Christ's light shows us the way to reconciliation.**

(L) When we feel excluded and left out,

**(All) The Spirit's peace eases our pain.**

(L) When all hope of fellowship seems lost,

**(All) God's grace restores our hope.**

(L) Come! Let us worship God, who makes us one.

**(All) Amen!**

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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 / John Zeeb

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 45:1-15; 50:15-26 (NRSV) / John Zeeb, Liturgist

[Genesis 45:1-15]

*Joseph Reveals Himself to His Brothers*

**<sup>1</sup>Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. <sup>2</sup>And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. <sup>3</sup>Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.**

**<sup>4</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all**

the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. <sup>10</sup>You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>I will provide for you there – since there are five more years of famine to come – so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." <sup>12</sup>And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.' <sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

[Genesis 50:15-26]

#### *Joseph Forgives His Brothers*

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

#### *Joseph's Last Days and Death*

<sup>22</sup>So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father's household; and Joseph lived for one hundred and ten years. <sup>23</sup>Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation; the children of Machir son of Manasseh were also born on Joseph's knees.

<sup>24</sup>Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am about to die; but God will surely come to you, and bring you up out of this land to the land that he swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.' <sup>25</sup>So Joseph made the Israelites swear, saying, 'When God comes to you, you shall carry up my bones from here.' <sup>26</sup>And Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old; he was embalmed and placed in a coffin in Egypt.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "*Because He Lives*" (by William J. Gaither) / Bell Duet by Gayla Lonsbery & Carmen Lonsbery (Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

SERMON: "THE JOSEPH SAGA (Part II of II): The Ending of Joseph's Life & The Beginning of the Rest of Your Life Journey" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #3040 (*Worship & Song*) "You Are My All In All" / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)



1. You are my strength when I am  
2. Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my



weak. You are the treas-ure that I seek. You are my all in  
shame, ris - ing a - gain I bless your name, you are my all in



all. Seek-ing you as a pre-cious  
all. When I fall down you pick me



jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my all in all.  
up. When I am dry you fill my cup. You are my all in all.

*Refrain*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor-thy is your name.



Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor-thy is your name. name.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Pastor J. T. Kim

(Pastor) How beautiful it is when the family of God gives generously with mercy and love! Let us share that beauty with the world as we collect our offering this day.

**(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)**

**Bountiful God, when famine threatened the world, you blessed Joseph with  
dreams that saved children of every nation. Faithful One, when hunger threatens  
our world, you bless us with dreams that we can save the children of our day.  
Bless this offering, that your dreams for a world without want may bless the lives  
of your children. Accept these gifts, as tokens of our dreams and our  
commitment to make all people one in your holy name. Amen.**

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**CLOSING HYMN: #530 "Are Ye Able" / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by  
Robert Phillips)**



1. "Are ye a - ble," said the Mas - ter, "to be  
 2. Are ye a - ble to re - mem - ber, when a  
 3. Are ye a - ble when the shad - ows close a -  
 4. Are ye a - ble? Still the Mas - ter whis - pers



cru - ci - fied with me?" "Yea," the sturd - y dream - ers  
 thief lifts up his eyes, that his par - doned soul is  
 round you with the sod, to be - lieve that spir - it  
 down e - ter - ni - ty, and he - ro - ic spir - its



an - swered, "to the death we fol - low thee."  
 wor - thy of a place in par - a - dise?  
 tri - umphs, to com - mend your soul to God?  
 an - swer, now as then in Gal - i - lee.

*Refrain*



Lord, we are a - ble. Our spir - its are thine.



Re - mold them, make us, like thee, di - vine.



Thy guid - ing ra - diance a - bove us shall be



a bea - con to God, to love, and loy - al - ty.

BENEDICTION / Pastor J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: "Toccata Liturgique" (by Dennis Elliot)/ Robert Phillips, Organist

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



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