



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)
 August 23, 2020, 10 a.m.: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Worship (Livestream)
 ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE:
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *“Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”* (by Haig Mardirosian)/ Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

OPENING HYMN: #2270 “He Has Made Me Glad” / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

I will en-ter His gates with thanks -giv-ing in my heart; I will en-ter His courts with

4 A⁷ G/A A¹³ D G G^{°7} D/A F[♯]/A[♯] Bm Bm⁷

praise. — I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has — made!” I

CHORUS

7 Em⁷ A⁷ G/A A⁷ D D G D/A Bm Bm⁷

will re-joice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad, He has made me glad, I

11 1. Em⁷ A⁷ G/A A⁷ D A⁷/E D/F[♯] 2. Em⁷ A⁷ G/A A⁷ D

will re-joice for He has made me glad. — will re-joice for He has made me glad.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP / Kris Lovekin, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Amidst the forces of death and destruction, it takes a village to save us. Amidst the rivers that would carry us out to sea,

(All) it takes people of real courage to pull us from the water courses of life.

(L) Amidst the fear and hatred in our world,

(All) it takes mercy and compassion to reveal the face of God.

(L) Come, let us worship.

(All) Amen!

(From The Abingdon Worship Annual 2017.)

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 / Kris Lovekin

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 (NRSV) / Kris Lovekin, Liturgist

The Israelites Are Oppressed

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt

commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Birth and Youth of Moses

^{2:1}Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: *"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"* (words by Percy Dearmer, music by Harold Friedell) / Solo by Kris Lovekin (Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

SERMON: "Sermon Series 'Moses' (1 of 4): THE PRINCE OF EGYPT" /
The Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #130 *"God Will Take Care of You"* / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Pastor J. T. Kim

(Pastor) God's light shines through our giving hearts and our generous spirits. Christ's voice calls us to heal the wounded and to keep the forces of death at bay. In our sharing, let us bring the kingdom to a world in need.

(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)

Loving God, accept our gifts in your holy name. Accept our very lives,
as a pledge to pursue what is good and acceptable and perfect in your sight.
May our gifts become for the world resources to draw the endangered
from the waters of death, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: #378 "Amazing Grace" / All (Led by Kris Lovekin;
Accompanied by Robert Phillips)**

BENEDICTION / Pastor J. T. Kim

**POSTLUDE: "Postlude from Partita on New Britain" (by Charles Callahan) /
Robert Phillips, Organist**

God Bless You! Stay in Love with God!



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