



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

August 30, 2020, 10 a.m.: 13th Sunday After Pentecost

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE:

<https://facebook.com/firstchurchriverside/live>

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: "Where True Charity and Love Prevail (Ubi Caritas)" (by Dom Paul Benoit) Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Bev Devine

Birthdays

Lou Santino 8/30

Michael Othon 9/1

Elizabeth Davis 9/1

Sonja Moore 9/3

Anniversary

Linda & Robert Hice 9/3 (41st)

OPENING HYMN: #87 "What Gift Can We Bring?"

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it--the joy of this day?

When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.

Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,

God gives us his word that always, forever,
we rest in his keeping and live in his love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it--the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

CALL TO WORSHIP: Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist

Liturgist: God gives us one day at a time:

All: Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

Liturgist: Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;

All: Time enough to help someone in need;

Liturgist: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

**All: Sufficient time to build a bridge for forgiveness or tear down a wall of
resentment;**

Liturgist: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with children,
sing praise to God.

All: Praise God for this day we are given. Alleluia! Amen!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER:

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

**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, forever. Amen.**

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: *"People Get Ready"* The Response

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:9-21 The Message (MSG)

⁹⁻¹⁰ Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from
evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice
playing second fiddle.

¹¹⁻¹³ Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the
Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help
needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

²⁰⁻²¹ Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

(Liturgist) May God add blessing to the reading of scripture.

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

SERMON: "BRILLIANT DESIGNS"

HYMN: #2222 TFWS "The Servant Song" Revised lyrics

Brother, let me be your servant.

Let me be as Christ to you.

Pray that I might have the grace

To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.

Brothers, sisters, on the road.

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you

In the night time of your fear.

I will hold my hand out to you;

Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.

When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow

Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,

We shall find such harmony

Born of all we've known together

Of Christ's love and agony.

Sister, let me be your servant.
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

- Online Giving: <https://www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving/>
- Mail To: First United Methodist Church, 4845 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506;
- You can also drop off your offering envelope into the church office mail slot;
- Or please consider automatic draft through your bank.
- Thank you for being faithful to God through our Church!

DOXOLOGY: *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"* Vs. 4

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN: #2171 TFWS *"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"*

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of Your peace
It is pardoning that we are pardoned

In giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal life

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "*Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat Major*" (by Johann Ludwig Krebs)

God Bless You! Stay in Love with God!



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