



First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)  
September 6, 2020, 10 a.m.: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Labor Day Sunday; Holy Communion Sunday  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream):  
<https://facebook.com/firstchurchriverside/live>

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE:** *"Go Down, Moses"* (by David Hurd)/ Robert Phillips, Organist

**TRINITY BELLS** / Robert Phillips, Organist

**OPENING HYMN:** #127 *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Praise the Lord!

**(All) Sing to the Lord a new song.**

(L) Celebrate God's goodness!

**(All) Praise God with music.**

(L) Rejoice in God's love!

**(All) Shout for joy!**

(L) Praise the Lord!

**(All) Amen!**

(Adapted from Psalm 149)

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER** / Pastor J. T. Kim

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**UNISON PRAYER (Labor Day)**

**O God, you have bound us together in this life.**

**Give us grace to understand how our lives depend  
on the courage, the industry, the honesty,  
and the integrity of all who labor.**

**May we be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness,  
and faithful in our responsibilities to them;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S TIME** / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

**INTERLUDE: "Be Not Afraid"** (by Craig Courtney) / Phil Bremenstuhl, Soloist  
(Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 4:1-5 [What Is That In Your Hand?]; 5:1 [Let My People Go!]** (NRSV) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Exodus 4:1-5, NRSV)

*"What Is That In Your Hand?"*

<sup>1</sup>Then Moses answered, 'But suppose they do not believe me or listen to me, but say, "The Lord did not appear to you." ' <sup>2</sup>The Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' He said, 'A staff.' <sup>3</sup>And he said, 'Throw it on the ground.' So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake; and Moses drew back from it. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Reach out your hand, and seize it by the tail' – so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand – <sup>5</sup>so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.'

(Exodus 5:1, NRSV)

*"Let My People Go!"*

Afterwards Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, "Let my people go, so that they may celebrate a festival to me in the wilderness."' "

**SERMON: "MOSES SERMON SERIES 2 OF 4: LET MY PEOPLE GO"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Senior Pastor

**HYMN OF DEDICATION: #448 "Go Down, Moses"** (Verses 1, 6, 8, and 11 only) / All  
(Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

Our only obligation is to love God and one another. Let us give with generous hearts, sharing our love with our neighbors. **(All) Amen!**

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Thank you for being faithful to God through our Church!

**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 Loretta Cudney)**

**God of light and love, you provide all that we need. As first you gave the gift of life and love to us, so now we bring our gifts to you. May they reflect the love and concern we have for our neighbors. May they represent our commitment to build communities of freedom and hope. Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Romans 12*)**

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts!

**(All) We lift them up to God!**

(Pastor) Celebrate God's love!

**(All) It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

(Pastor) We give thanks and praise to you, God of love and grace!

With gratitude, we recall how you formed us from the very earth, made covenant with us from the beginning of time, and call us again and again to be your people.

In your amazing love, you came as one of us in the form of Jesus the Christ, showing us the way of unconditional love and the path of self-giving service.

**(All Sing)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

(Pastor) Even as he faced death on a cross, Jesus washed the feet of both enemies and friends, gave thanks and rejoiced in a time of great sorrow, broke bread and shared the cup of salvation with all, showing us the path of servanthood and love.

And so we remember Jesus' words of self-giving love as he broke bread and poured wine, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you. Take, drink. This is my life poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Called to remember these acts whenever we eat and drink, we come now to the table at our homes in remembrance of these gifts as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**(All Sing) Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**COMMUNION PRAYER (*Romans 12*)**

(Pastor) God of love, pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might be servants of your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they might be for us your very presence.

Flow through us with your love and grace, that we might be your loving presence for others, extending kindness to strangers, forgiveness to adversaries, and mutual love to all.

Live in us, that by your Spirit, we might be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, both now and forever more.

**(All Sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

### **COMMUNION BLESSINGS**

(Pastor) The life of Christ, fitting your life for service.

The love of God, blessing your care for the world.

**(All) Amen!**

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**CLOSING HYMN: #593 "Here I Am, Lord"/ All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl;  
Accompanied by Robert Phillips)**

**BENEDICTION / Pastor J. T. Kim**

**POSTLUDE: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (by J. Bert Carlson)/Robert Phillips,  
Organist**

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



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