



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

October 4, 2020, 10 a.m.: World Communion Sunday

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream):

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE (1):** *"Rolling Hills" from "Reflections on 'Arirang'"* by A Young Kim

**PRELUDE (2):** *"Andante Tranquillo on 'Lonely the Boat'"* from "The Balboa Park Organ Suite, a Celebration of Many Peoples" by Michael Burkhardt / Robert Phillips, Organist

**TRINITY BELLS** / Robert Phillips, Organist

**OPENING HYMN: #77 "How Great Thou Art"** / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhel; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP** / Greg Laird, Liturgist

Leader: Our Creator spoke to Moses on the mountain. The Holy One speaks to us today, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt."

**People: Glorious God, even the firmament proclaims your handiwork.**

Leader: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

**People: The decrees of God are sure, making the naive wise.**

Leader: The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart.

**People: The commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes.**

**All: Speak to us, and we will listen. Amen!**

*(Adapted from Exodus 20; Psalm 19)*

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**UNISON PRAYER** (World Communion Sunday)

**O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world  
in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us.**

**For the opportunity to eat and drink together  
and for the life we have received,  
we give you thanks and praise.**

**In the abundance of your many gifts,**

grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love.  
Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new.  
Transform our daily bread into the bread of life,  
and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation.  
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*(Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship #431, written by Barbara Dunlap-Berg)*

CHILDREN'S TIME / Greg Laird

INTERLUDE: "*I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*" (by Leo Sowerby) / Phil Bremenstuhl, Soloist  
(Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 21:33-46 (NRSV) / Greg Laird, Liturgist  
*Parable of the Wicked Tenants*

<sup>33</sup>Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup>They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

<sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is amazing in our eyes"?

<sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

<sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

(Liturgist) This is the Word of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

**SERMON: "REACHING OUT - IN THE PANDEMIC?" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Sr. Pastor**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION: #568 "Christ for the World We Sing" / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Greg Laird, Liturgist**

(Liturgist) Let us share the sweetness and preciousness of knowing a saving God by sharing our lives and our resources with others. With gratitude in our hearts, may we give generously 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 Greg Laird)**

**Loving God, we gather before you as a grateful people, but also as a longing people.**

**We see your hopes for us and for our world— hopes of freedom, gladness, sweetness and righteousness— and we yearn to do our part. May our lives and our gifts help to free people who are caught in the house of slavery and dismay.**

**May our lives and our gifts help people find your house of love and hope.**

**Amen!**

## **HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES**

(World Communion Sunday: October 4, 2020)

**INVITATION**

(Pastor) As we dwell in the beauty of our unity at table with our sisters and brothers within the congregation, and with all the friends around the world, it is good to remember our isolation and brokenness. War, displacement, exile, pandemic crisis, economic crisis, natural disaster: all have been known for thousands of years, as they are today.

At the table here and at your home, we accompany the afflicted and seek comfort and renewal for ourselves, that we may be agents of the same to a world in need. All are welcome here.

Please join me in Responsive Prayer of Confession:

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Pastor) Holy Teacher of humility and grace, you emptied yourself of divinity, and came to live among us as a simple, human being.

**(All) Forgive us, Holy One, when we take pride in our accomplishments, and look for applause and praise from those around us.**

(Pastor) You walked among us healing and telling stories, pouring out your life for the sake of those in need.

**(All) Forgive us, Gentle Servant, when we guard our time and our money, afraid that someone will take advantage of our good nature.**

(Pastor) You ask us to do your work and to be the living body of Christ for the sake of a hurting, broken world.

**(All) Forgive us, Gracious God, when we focus all our time and effort on what will please ourselves. 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.

**(All) And also with you.**

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**(All) 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. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. 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 NICA EA)

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. 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. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

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."

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. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us 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 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.**

**SENDING HYMN: #437 "This is My Song" / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl);**  
Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

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

**POSTLUDE: "Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)," South African  
freedom song, arranged by John A. Behnke / Robert Phillips, Organist**

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



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