



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

**October 18, 2020, 10 a.m.: Laity Sunday**

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream):

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## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE:** *"Grave and Adagio from Sonata No. 2"* (by Felix Mendelssohn) / Robert Phillips, Organist

**TRINITY BELLS** / Robert Phillips, Organist

**OPENING HYMN: #2271 "Come, Come Everybody Worship"** / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

### Chorus

Come, come everybody worship  
With a prayer or song of praise  
Come, come, everybody worship  
Worship God always

Worship and remember  
To keep the Sabbath day  
Take a rest and think of God  
Put your work away

Worship and remember  
The Lord's unending care  
Reaching out to love and help  
People everywhere

Worship and remember  
Your blessings great and small  
Give to God an offering  
Show your thanks for all!

Worship and remember  
How Jesus long ago

Taught us how to talk to God  
Something we should know!

Worship and remember  
That God is like a light  
Showing you the way to go  
Ever burning bright!

**WELCOME** / Loretta Cudney, Lay Leader

**Video:** *Chuck Knows Church: Laity Sunday*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** / Daryl Salmon, Liturgist

Leader: We are all called to recognize and join God's mission of love.

**All: We gather to become more like Jesus.**

Leader: We learn how grace has met other lives.

**All: We wait for God's empowering presence to open our eyes.**

Leader: We engage our neighbors, online and in person.

**All: And God's love, power, and justice help repair the world.**

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

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**CHILDREN'S TIME** / Daryl Salmon, Liturgist

**INTERLUDE: "Morning Has Broken"** / Bell Trio: Jason Handen, Carmen Lonsbery, Gayla Lonsbery (Accompanied by Robert Phillips on piano)

**SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 12: 3-18 (NRSV)** / Daryl Salmon, Liturgist

*Marks of a True Christian*

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**MESSAGE: "C" Our CHURCH Family / Mimi Luker and Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leaders**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION: #558 "We Are the Church" / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)**

Chorus

I am the church!  
You are the church!  
We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus  
All around the world!  
Yes, we're the church together!

The church is not a building  
The church is not a steeple  
The church is not a resting place  
The church is a people.

We're many kinds of people  
With many kinds of faces,  
All colors and all ages, too,  
From all times and places.

Sometimes the church is marching,  
Sometimes it's bravely burning,  
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding  
Always it's learning.

And when the people gather  
There's singing and there's praying,  
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes,  
All of it saying

At Pentecost some people  
Received the Holy Spirit  
And told the Good News  
Through the world  
To all who would hear it.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Loretta Cudney, Lay Leader**

(Lay Leader) Almighty God, teach us to render to you all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you, not with our lips only, but with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to you. 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 Loretta Cudney)**

**Almighty and most merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us...ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him who offered himself for us.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians" / All (The Response)**

We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians  
By our love

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we'll spread the news  
That God is in our land

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each human dignity  
And save each human pride

All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus  
His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one

**BENEDICTION** / Mimi Luker, Lay Leader

**POSTLUDE:** *"Processional"* (by William Mathias) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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



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