



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

November 1, 2020: 22nd Sunday After Pentecost; All Saints Sunday

Communion with Remembrance

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream):

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"The Saints' Delight"* (by Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

OPENING HYMN: #547 "O Church of God, United" / All (Led by Kathleen Phillips;
Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

O church of God, united
To serve one common Lord,
Proclaim to all one message,
With hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
We follow day by day
With strong and eager footsteps
Along the upward way.

Verse 2

From every land and nation
The ordered ranks appear;
To serve one valiant leader
They come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
They praise one living Lord,
And place their sure dependence
Upon His saving word.

Verse 3

Though creeds and tongues may differ,
They speak, O Christ, of Thee
And in Thy loving Spirit

We shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
And singleness of aim
Proclaim to all the power
Of Thy redeeming name.

Verse 4

May thy great prayer be answered
That we may all be one,
Close bound, by love united
In Thee, God's blessed Son:
To bring a single witness,
To make the pathway bright,
That souls who grope in darkness
May find the one true light.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim

CALL TO WORSHIP / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) As we gather, we remember that we are not alone!

**(All) We gather with the saints,
who live in the presence of God,
singing praises to the God of our salvation.**

(L) From every nation, race, clan and culture,
God's people gather to worship
the One-Who-Is-Without-Peer!

**(All) To God and to the Lamb, all honor, glory,
wisdom, thanksgiving, strength and power.**

(L) Blessed be God, now and forever! Amen!

(All) Amen!

(Adapted from Revelation 7)

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Rev. J. T. Kim

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

CHILDREN'S TIME / Loretta Cudney, Lay Leader

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 3:1-3 (NRSV) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

Children of God

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know

him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
(Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the People of God!
(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Bridge over Troubled Water" (Words and Music by Paul Simon, Arranged by Mark Hayes) / Kathleen Phillips, Soloist (Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
The Beatitudes

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
³'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
⁵'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
⁶'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
⁷'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
⁸'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
⁹'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
¹⁰'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
¹¹'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
(Liturgist) This is the Word of Christ!
(All) Glory to You, O Christ!

SERMON: "BLESSED AND BELOVED" / Rev. J. T. Kim

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #711 "For All the Saints" (Verses 1, 3, 4 & 6 only) / All (Led by Kathleen Phillips; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

For all the saints,
Who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith
Before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus,
Be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 3

O may Thy soldiers,
Faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints
Who nobly fought of old,
And win with them
The victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 4

O blest communion,
Fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle,
They in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee,
For all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 6

From earth's wide bounds,
From ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl
Streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) As the Church, we are called to serve. Our service begins by offering our lives to Christ, and continues through the gifts we give, that the Church may continue to witness to the word of God.

(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, Liturgist)

Holy God, thank you for the great cloud of witnesses
that surrounds us as we worship.
Their diversity reminds us of your infinite grace
to all your creatures.
Thank you for the vision of a world at peace:
paradise restored, where no one hungers,
no one thirsts, and no one is wanting.
You guide us to the source of living water
and invite us to drink deeply of your love.
Your magnificent generosity
evokes our deepest thanks.
And so receive these offerings,
that we may join that great cloud of witnesses
as we share our gifts with others. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH REMEMBRANCE

COLLECT

(Pastor) Timeless God, we thank you for all those before us who have kept the faith to the end. We thank you for brave souls of deathless fame, and also for those whose names are remembered only by you. Give us wisdom to understand your will, and courage to live as your people in this day; through the grace of Jesus Christ.
(All) Amen.

INVITATION

(Pastor) Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Adapted from Ephesians 1, Luke 6) / All

(Pastor) Merciful God, may we never forget those who sacrificed much, that we might have lives of abundance and hope.

(All) When we take our many blessings for granted, forgive us.

(Pastor) When we forget the many people who have touched and strengthened our lives with your love and Christ's wisdom, gently remind us.

(All) Guide our steps, O God, that we may walk in the ways of blessedness.

(Pastor) Strengthen our spirits, that we may trust and follow your guidance.

(All) Amen.

SILENT PRAYER / All

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.

(Congregation) And also with you.

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

(Congregation) We lift them up to the Lord.

(Pastor) Let us give 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, God of the saints, creator of heaven and earth. From the ancient dreams of Daniel to the journeys of Jesus, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. When your people ignored your dreams and visions, and when they placed their trust in earthly kings, you came to us as a Mighty King, revealing the truth and glory of your powerful love.

Through the law and prophets, through saints and sinners, you have taught us to be your people. In love and mercy, you speak truth and blessing, constantly renewing your covenant with us. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn: **(All Sing)**

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.

(Pastor) Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love in the world, to show us the path of saintliness and holy living. In humility and love, with justice and power, Christ revealed your kingdom, and calls us to kingdom living, even now.

Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led on your path of justice and righteousness, that we may rejoice with the saints of your kingdom. We, who are both saint and sinner, blessed and cursed, come to you in our joys and in our sorrows, with thanksgiving and hope, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, even when he faced the sinfulness of his disciples. 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 Sing)



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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(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.

MEMORIAL RITUAL

(With the bell music by the Bell Ringers, the name of each person is read. A candle will be lit as a remembrance by Lay Leader. When Pastor says "Absent from our midst," and the Congregation responds by saying "**Present with the Lord!**")

(Pastor) Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

Geraldine "Gerry" Marr - January 19

Peter Brabant, Sr. - March 4

John "Kirk" Ferguson - March 22

Barbara Pope - April 3

Lorraine Armata

And all our loved ones who have gone before us.

(Pastor) Absent from our midst -

(All) Present with the Lord!

SILENT PRAYER FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

(Pastor) Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. 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.

(All) 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 Sing)



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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

(Pastor) The life of Christ, living in you.

(People) The love of Christ, flowing through you.

(All) Amen!

SENDING HYMN: #712 "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"/ All (Led by Kathleen Phillips; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

**I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.**

And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God,
and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

Verse 2

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong; and
they followed the right for Jesus' sake
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

Verse 3

They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street,
in the store, in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

Benediction / Rev. J. T. Kim

Postlude: *"How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord"* (by James H. Johnson) /
Robert Phillips, Organist

God Bless You! Stay in Love with God!



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