



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

January 24, 2021: Third Sunday after the Epiphany

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP ONLINE (Livestream): 10:00 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"Rock of Ages"* (by Van Denman Thompson) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 62) / Yvonne Flagg, Liturgist

(Liturgist) For God alone our souls wait in silence.

(All) In God alone do our spirits find peace.

(L) For God alone is our rock and our salvation.

(All) In God alone does our faith remain unshaken.

(L) Pour out your hearts before God.

(All) For God is our refuge and our strength.

(L) Put your trust in God.

(All) God's steadfast love endures forever. Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #361 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" (by Augustus M. Toplady and Thomas Hastings) / All (Led by Joshua Ponnuraju, Hymn Leader; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,

Let me hide myself in thee;

Let the water and the blood,

From thy wounded side which flowed,

Be of sin the double cure;

Save from wrath and make me pure.

Verse 2

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and thou alone.

Verse 3

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to the cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress;
Helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Verse 4

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in thee.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

"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."

CHILDREN'S TIME / Yvonne Flagg

SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3:1-10 (NRSV)/ Yvonne Flagg, Liturgist

Conversion of Nineveh

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he

cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

⁶When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. (Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the people of God!
(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "*Song of Hope*" (Argentine Folk Song called ARGENTINA) / The Bell Ringers: Jason Handen, Carmen Lonsbery, and Gayla Lonsbery; Accompanied by Robert Phillips on Piano

SERMON: "WHEN LEOPARDS CHANGE THEIR SPOTS" / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #428 "*For the Healing of the Nations*" (by Fred Kaan and John Hughes) / All (Led by Joshua Ponnuraju; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word,
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Verse 2

Lead us forward into freedom;
From despair Your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase,
Fear will die and hope increase.

Verse 3

All that kills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned;
Pride of status, race, or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure Your plan.
In our common quest for justice
May we hallow life's brief span,
May we hallow life's brief span.

Verse 4

You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on human-kind;
For our growing in Your likeness
Bring the life of Christ to mind,
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find,
Earth its destiny may find.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Yvonne Flagg, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Dear Church Family and Friends: I invite you to give your tithes and offerings generously to support our church's missions and ministries. You can give online 24/7 through our church's website: www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving/ You can simply mail your offering to the church address. Or you can also drop off your offering envelope into the church office mail slot. You may also consider setting up automatic draft through your bank. Thank you for being faithful to God through our Church!
(All) Amen!

DOXOLOGY #95

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg, Liturgist)

God of abundance, you teach us the dangers of setting our hearts on earthly riches. May these offerings be symbols of our faith in your bounty, and of our commitment to follow your call in our lives, wherever you may lead. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #467 "Trust and Obey" (by John H. Sammis and Daniel B. Towner) / All (Led by Joshua Ponnuraju; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will,

He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Chorus

Trust and obey,
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Verse 2

Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He does richly repay;
Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

Verse 3

But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows,
For the joy He bestows,
Are for them who will trust and obey.

Verse 4

Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do,
Where He sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (Adapted from Psalm 62, Mark 1) / All

(Pastor) Go as kingdom people, for the realm of God has come near.

(All) We go with God's blessings.

(Pastor) Go as God's people, for that is who we are.

(All) We go in the refuge of our rock and our salvation.

(Pastor) Go as those who believe in the good news, for that is our daily bread.

(All) We go to live as people of mercy and grace. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "*Variations on 'Cwm Rhondda'*" (by Raymond H. Haan) / Robert Phillips,
Organist

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