



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

January 31, 2021: 4th Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"* (by Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 111, 1 Cor. 8) / David Fraser, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Praise God, who loves us all.

(All) Praise God, who is full of mercy and compassion.

(L) Praise God, who loves us well.

(All) Praise God, who creates honesty and justice.

(L) Praise God, who invites us to love.

(All) Praise God, who loves through us and our actions. Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #348 *"Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling"* (by Will L. Thompson) /
All (Led by Valerie Othon, Hymn Leader; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
Calling for you and for me;
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

Chorus

Come home, come home;
You who are weary, come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling, O sinner, come home!

Verse 2

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
Pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,
Mercies for you and for me?

Verse 3

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, death-beds are coming,
Coming for you and for me.

Verse 4

O for the wonderful love He has promised,
Promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and for me.

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 / Sarah Overton-Fraser

SCRIPTURE READING: **Jonah 4:1-11 (NRSV)**/ David Fraser, Liturgist

Jonah's Anger

¹But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.

³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

Jonah Is Reproved

⁹But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

(Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the people of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: *"Soul on Fire"* (Words and Music by Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark D. Lee, David Carr, Brenton Brown and Matt Maher) (Video) / The Response Praise Band

SERMON: *"A PARABLE OF JONAH'S ANGER"* / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #347 *"Spirit Song"* (by John Wimber) / All (Led by Valerie Othon; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

O let the Son of God enfold you
With His Spirit and His love.
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have those things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Chorus

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill Your lambs.

Verse 2

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy.
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness;

**Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / David Fraser, 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 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (by Thomas Ken and Louis Bourgeois) / All (Led by Valerie Othon, Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison) / All (Led by David Fraser, Liturgist)

Gracious God, may these gifts and our very lives be a YES! to follow Christ's call. Use us and the offerings we bring this day, that your peace, your strength, and your loving-kindness may be made more visible in the world. Amen!

SENDING HYMN: #557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (by John Fawcett and Johann Nageli) / All (Led by Valerie Othon; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

Verse 2

**Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.**

Verse 3

**We share each other's woes,
Our mutual burdens bear;**

And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

Verse 4

When we asunder part,
It gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.

BENEDICTION / Rev. J. T. Kim

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

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