



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

February 21, 2021: First Sunday in Lent

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *“O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Sins”* (by Johann Sebastian Bach) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 25 and Mark 1) / Greg Laird, Liturgist
(Liturgist) When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he emerged from the waters . . .
(All) to see the heavens splitting open and the Spirit soaring down like a dove.
(L) When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he stood up from the waters and heard:
(All) “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”
(L) When Jesus was baptized in the Jordan River, he emerged from the waters . . .
(All) to walk a new path and to call the world to join him.
(L) Here comes God’s kingdom. Teach us your path, brother Jesus. Now is the time!
(All) Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #98 “To God Be the Glory” (by Fanny J. Crosby and William H. Doane) / All (Led by Peggy McMeans; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Verse 3

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys and 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 / Greg Laird

SCRIPTURE READING #1: 1 Peter 2:20-24 (NRSV) / Greg Laird, Liturgist

Jesus Himself Bore Our Sins On the Cross

**²⁰If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. ²²'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'
²³When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body**

on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "O God, Have Mercy" (by Felix Mendelssohn) / Peggy McMeans, Soloist;
Accompanied by Robert Phillips

SCRIPTURE READING #2: Romans 3:23-26 (NRSV) / Greg Laird, Liturgist

Righteousness Through Faith

²³[S]ince all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

SERMON: "REFLECTING ON THE CROSS" (Based on Lenten Study Book, *SAVIOR: What the Bible Says About the Cross*, Introduction & Chapter 1: "Substitution: Jesus Takes Your Place")
/ Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION #286: "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" (by Anonymous, trans. by Paul Gerhardt and James Alexander; music by Hans Hassler and J. S. Bach) / All (Led by Peggy McMeans; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

**O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!**

Verse 2

**What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.**

Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

Verse 3

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Greg Laird, 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!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON) / All (Led by Greg Laird, Liturgist)

Because you are the God who saves us, we give you these gifts. Take our lives and our gifts and use them to save our world. We put our hope in you. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #363 "And Can It Be that I Should Gain" (Verses 1, 3, 5 only) (by Charles Wesley and Thomas Campbell) / All (Led by Peggy McMeans; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Savior's blood!
Died he for me? who caused his pain!
For me? who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Verse 3

He left his Father's throne above
(so free, so infinite his grace!),
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
for O my God, it found out me!

Verse 5

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (Adapted from Psalm 25, Mark 1) / Led by Rev. J. T. Kim
(Pastor) God continues to tear open the heavens of our world and our lives, calling out with a
voice of love:

(All) "You are my beloved children, whom I love deeply."

(Pastor) God continues to tear open the heavens of our world and our lives, sending us onto
new paths and missions.

(All) God changes our hearts and lives, and the Spirit pushes us in new directions.

(Pastor) "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom!"

(All) We are Jesus people. We are kingdom people. Now is the time! Amen.

POSTLUDE: "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*" (by Johann Pachelbel and Johann Gottfried
Walther) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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