



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

April 18, 2021: Family Sunday Worship

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

<https://facebook.com/firstchurchriverside/live>

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"* (by Michael Burkhardt) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP / Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist

(Liturgist) We are gathered together virtually and spiritually,

(All) as a family...as equal children of God.

(Liturgist) May our hearts, our words, and our lives be opened to the full expression of God's love,

(All) through the Holy Spirit and the life, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Amen

OPENING HYMN: #375 *"There Is a Balm in Gilead"* (Afro-American Spiritual, adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Refrain

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Verse 1

Sometimes I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.

[Refrain]

Verse 2

Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.

[Refrain]

Verse 3

If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus,
and say he died for all.

[Refrain]

WELCOME / Mateo Mamea

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Mateo Mamea

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Community Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Video) / Julia Zeeb and Lillian Zeeb

"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 / Cindy Qualtieri

SCRIPTURE READING: Lamentations 3:21-33 (NRSV) / Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist

²¹ But this I call to mind,

and therefore I have hope:

²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,^[a]

his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

24 "The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."
25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
26 It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
27 It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
28 to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
29 to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
30 to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
31 For the Lord will not
reject forever.
32 Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
33 for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

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

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:44-48 (NRSV)/ Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah^[a] is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

MESSAGE: "TRAVEL-SIZED HOPE, FOR A LIFETIME'S JOURNEY" / Mateo Mamea

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #383 "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" (Words by Brian Wren, Music by Carlton R. Young) / All (Led by Yvonne Flag; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Verse 2

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

Verse 3

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
step from the past and leave behind
our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Verse 4

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

Verse 5

In faith we'll gather round the table
to taste and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

INTRODUCTION TO QR CODE (Video) / Jeff Ashworth

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Cindy Qualtieri, 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!

OFFERING SONG: "As We Seek Your Face/ Jesus, Draw Me Close" (by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

As we seek Your face, may we know Your
heart; Feel Your pres - ence, ac - cept - ance, as we seek Your _ face.
Je - sus, draw _ me close, _ clos - er, Lord, _ to You.
_ Let the world _ a - round _ me fade a - way. _
Je - sus, draw _ me close, _ clos - er, Lord, _ to You. _ For
I de - sire _ to wor - ship and o - bey. _____

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / All (Led by Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist)

God, you are the source of all goodness and life. We bring our offering to you this day, knowing that all we have comes from you. We hear your call and we answer, bringing all that we have and all that we are. Use our gifts, our talents, and our bodies for your work of peace and justice. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (Words by Omer Westendorf, Music Welsh folk tune, harm. by Leland Sateren) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God
from this dwelling take leave.

The service is ended,
O now be extended
the fruits of our worship
in all who believe.

The seed of the teaching,
receptive souls reaching,

shall blossom in action
for God and for all.

God's grace did invite us,
and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom
and answer the call.

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday
life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God's children
of each tribe and race.

With your grace you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this
life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise
and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ
and that name which we bear.

BENEDICTION / Mateo Mamea

POSTLUDE: "*The Ashgrove*" (by Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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