



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST;  
GRADUATION SUNDAY  
JUNE 13, 2021



SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE (LIVESTREAM)

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

**June 13, 2021: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Graduation Sunday**

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

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**PRELUDE:** *"When God Restored Our Common Life"* (By Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips, Organist

**TRINITY BELLS** / Robert Phillips, Organist

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from Psalm 20, 2 Cor 5, Mark 4) / Daryl Salmon, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Come, walk in the light of faith.

**(All) We will walk humbly with our God.**

(Liturgist) Come, love in the light of faith.

**(All) We will love everything the light touches.**

(Liturgist) Come, sing in the light of faith.

**(All) We will sing praise to our God.**

(Liturgist) Come, live in the light of faith.

**(All) We will live as faithful followers of Christ. Amen!**

**OPENING HYMN:** #155 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* (Verses 1, 4 & 6 only)

(Words by Edward Perronet, alt. by John Rippon; Music by James Ellor) / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl, Hymn Leader; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

### Verse 1

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall,

let angels prostrate fall;

bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him, crown him,

crown him, crown him,

and crown him Lord of all.

Verse 4

Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball,  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
and crown him Lord of all.

Verse 6

O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall,  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him, crown him,  
crown him, crown him,  
and crown him Lord of all.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

HONORING OUR GRADUATES / Mateo Mamea, Director of Children & Youth  
Ministries

BLESSINGS FOR THE GRADUATES / Mateo Mamea

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Rev. J. T. Kim  
Sharing of Joys & Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)**

Help us to walk by faith, O God, not by sight. Be our vision, Holy One, for without vision your people perish. Remind us that you do not see as mortals see, for you do not judge by outward appearances, but look on the heart. With our eyes of faith enlightened, help us see your kingdom in a tiny mustard seed, and marvel at the growth you offer to all through the power of your Spirit. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Pastor J. T. Kim

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-32 (NRSV) / Daryl Salmon, Liturgist  
*The Parable of the Growing Seed*

<sup>26</sup>He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then

the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

*The Parable of the Mustard Seed*

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**INTERLUDE:** "*How Beautiful Upon the Mountains*" (By F. Flaxington Harker; Text: Isaiah 52) / Phil Bremenstuhl, Soloist; Accompanied by Robert Phillips

**SERMON:** "THE POWER OF LITTLE THINGS" / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #2182 "*When God Restored Our Common Life*" (Words by Ruth Duck; Music: USA folk melody, Walker's *Southern Harmony*) / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,  
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy.  
A shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;  
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

Verse 2

We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;  
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.  
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.  
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.

Verse 3

Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.  
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.  
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;  
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** / Daryl Salmon, Liturgist

(Liturgist) The world needs the gifts we have, here and now, not in some distant future. In our giving of time, talent, and treasure, we bring God's new creation into being this very day.

**(All) Amen!**

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**DOXOLOGY:** #95 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl, 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 Daryl Salmon, Liturgist)**  
**Bountiful God, your kingdom is like seed that is scattered on the ground. How it grows, we know not, but there is abundance in the harvest. Your kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed that grows into a shrub, where the birds of the air build their nests. May the gifts we bring before you this day bear the fruit of your kingdom, where all may be fed, and all may be blessed. Amen**

**SENDING HYMN:** #707 *"Hymn of Promise"* (By Natalie Sleeth) / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**Verse 1**

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

## Verse 2

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## Verse 3

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** / Led by Rev. J. T. Kim

(Pastor) Go forth to proclaim the good news that we are new creations in Christ Jesus.

**(All) As seeds planted by God, we go to spread God's gifts of love and hope.**

(Pastor) Go forth to live the good news that we live in a time of new beginnings.

**(All) As plantings of the Lord, we go to share God's gifts of mercy and grace. Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "Toccata Eroica" (By Edward Broughton) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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