



HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY

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

June 6, 2021: Second Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: *"When We Are Living"* (By Emma Lou Diemer) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Adapted from Psalm 138) / Greg Laird, Liturgist

(Liturgist) People of God, enter this place with thanksgiving and praise,

(All) for the Lord is good.

(Liturgist) Come and rejoice, sing glory to God,

(All) for the Lord is good.

(Liturgist) Remember, the steadfast love of God endures forever,

(All) for the Lord is good. Amen!

OPENING HYMN: #356 *"When We Are Living"* (Verses 1 & 2 only) (Words anonymous, trans. by Elise S. Eslinger, Roberto Escamilla, and George Lockwood; Music traditional Spanish melody; harm. from *Celebremos*) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,

and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.

Both in our living and in our dying,

we belong to God, we belong to God.

Verse 2

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Coda

We belong to God, we belong to God.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

CHILDREN'S TIME / Greg Laird

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NRSV) / Greg Laird, Liturgist

Living by Faith

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "*Lux Aeterna*" (By Sarah Quartel) (Video) / Threshold Choir

SERMON: "FAILING SUCCESSFULLY" / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #623 "*Here, O My Lord, I See Thee*" (Words by Horatius Bonar, Music by Edward Dearle) (Verses 1, 3 & 5 only) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Verse 3

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven;

here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

Verse 5

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by;
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Greg Laird, Liturgist

(Liturgist) We have come to give praise to God and to say thank you for all that God has given us. In thanksgiving and praise, let us bring our gifts before God.

(All) Amen!

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- Online: Please click www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving
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- Automatic Draft: Please set it up through your bank, if you have not done so yet.

Thank you so much for being faithful to God through our Church!

DOXOLOGY: #95 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* / All (Led by Kris Lovekin, 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 Greg Laird, Liturgist)

Almighty Creator, you have blessed us with abundant life and steadfast love. We offer these gifts to you, asking that your Holy Spirit will bless them and use them to shower

grace and love upon our brothers and sisters, both near and far. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

INVITATION

(Pastor) Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(All) Gracious God, we often forget that you are the ruler of our lives. Instead, we turn our attention elsewhere. We want what others have. We allow the concerns of the world to weigh us down. We become distracted by the activities around us. We forget to keep our focus on you. Forgive us. Strengthen our faith, that we may see your presence in our lives. Remind us again that you are the Lord of our lives – the one who loves us completely, the one who offers us abundant forgiveness, the one who never leaves our side. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

(Pastor) Brothers and sisters, the hand of God stretches far and wide to forgive us, bringing us newness of life. In the name of God, whose love endures forever, you are forgiven.

(All) Thanks be to God!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

(People) And also with you.

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

(People) We lift them up to the Lord.

(Pastor) Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

(People) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All Singing)

Elise Eslinger
(after NICA EA)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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(Pastor) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Singing)

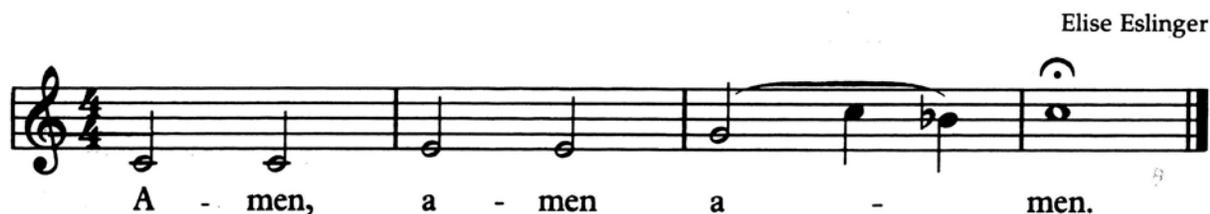


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(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, showing forth the fruit of the Spirit until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

(All Singing)



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

(All) 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, for ever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Please take your own Bread and Cup at your home now.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: #534 “Be Still, My Soul” (Words by Katharina von Schlegel, trans. by Jane Borthwick; Music by Jean Sibelius) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

Verse 2

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

Verse 3

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

BENEDICTION / Pastor J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: “Finlandia” (By Jean Sibelius, transcribed for organ by H. A. Fricker) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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