



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE)

JULY 11, 2021, 10 A.M.

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

July 11, 2021: 7th Sunday after Pentecost

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN-PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 AM

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand if you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Blessed Assurance"* (By Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips, Organist

TRINITY BELLS / Robert Phillips, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from 2 Sam 6, Ps 24) / Bob Nelson, Liturgist
(Liturgist) The Lord is in our midst.

(Congregation) We will sing and dance to God's glory.

(Liturgist) Let heaven and earth rejoice this day.

(Congregation) Let all of creation sing God's praises.

(Liturgist) The One who dwelt in the ark of the covenant is with us now.

(All) Let us worship the Lord. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #139 *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* (Verses 1, 4 & 5 only)

(Words by Joachim Neander; sts. 1, 3, 5 trans. by Catherine Winkworth; sts. 4 by Rupert E. Davies; Music: *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, harm. by William Sterndale Bennett) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

Join me in glad adoration!

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,

Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Verse 5

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) / All (Led by Pastor Kim)

God of grace and glory, renew us with your presence this day. As we gather to bless your name and sing your praise, bless us with your glorious love and your guiding light. Strengthen us each and every hour, through the power of your Holy Spirit and the wisdom of your holy word. In hope and joy, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME: 2021 Vacation Bible School (VBS) / Mateo Mamea, Director of Children & Youth

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 (NRSV) / Bob Nelson, Liturgist

David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem

¹David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. ²David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. ³They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart ⁴with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. ⁵David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

¹²... So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; ¹³and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. ¹⁴David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

¹⁶As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. ¹⁸When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, ¹⁹and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "*You Raise Me Up*" (By Brendan Graham and Rolf Lovland) / Kris Lovekin, Jennifer Mahl, Valerie Othon; Accompanied by Robert Phillips

SERMON: "LESSONS FROM THE ARK OF THE COVENANT" / Rev. J. T. Kim

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #140 "*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*" (Words by Thomas O. Chisholm; Music by William M. Runyan) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou has been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
[Refrain]

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
[Refrain]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Bob Nelson, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Just as King David distributed loaves of bread and cakes of fruit to those who beheld the ark of the covenant entering Jerusalem, may we offer our own gifts to those who wish to know the bounty and glory of our God.

(All) Amen!

HOW TO GIVE / Bob Nelson

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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 Bob Nelson, Liturgist)**

Glorious God, we thank you for trusting us to reflect your glory. For claiming us as your own with all of creation, we give you thanks and praise. As you receive these gifts and offerings, receive us also, blessing all together, that our gifts and our lives might be a blessing that honors and glorifies you. Amen!

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #369 "Blessed Assurance"** (Words by Fanny J. Crosby; Music by Phoebe P. Knapp) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
[Refrain]

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
[Refrain]

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from 2 Sam 6, Eph 1)

(Pastor) Go forth with the blessings of God.

(Congregation) We will dance with joy, as we celebrate God's presence.

(Pastor) Go forth with the inheritance of Christ.

(Congregation) We will sing and shout our praise, as we share Christ's good news.

(Pastor) Go forth, sealed in the power of the Holy Spirit.

(All) We will express our faith and hope, as we live our glorious inheritance. Amen!

POSTLUDE: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* (By John Innes) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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