



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 25, 2021, 10 A.M.

SUNDAY WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE)



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

July 25, 2021: 9th 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: *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* (By Wilbur Held and Van Denman Thompson)
/ Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS** / Robert Phillips, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from John 6) / Josephine Essien, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Why have you come to this place?

(People) We are tired in body and spirit.

(Liturgist) Why have you come today?

(People) We have come to follow Jesus.

(Liturgist) Come and eat your fill.

(People) But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.

(Liturgist) There is plenty for all.

(People) Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

(Liturgist) Come! Let us worship.

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #133 *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"* (Words by Elisha A. Hoffman;
Music by Anthony J. Showalter) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg)

Verse 1

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Verse 2

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Refrain]

Verse 3

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

[Refrain]

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled; we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found. Invite us once more to eat our fill and find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. Just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish after feeding the five thousand, gather up the pieces of our lives and shelter us in your love. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Ruth & Jennifer Walker

***GOSPEL READING: John 6:1-21** (NRSV) / Josephine Essien, Liturgist

Feeding the Five Thousand

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Jesus Walks on the Water

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

INTERLUDE: "*Radiance*" (By Jason W. Krug) / Bell Quartet

SERMON: "The Bread of Life" Sermon Series 1 of 5 - "MAKING JESUS YOUR BREAD KING?" / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #384 "*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*" (Verses 1, 3, & 4 only)
(Words by Charles Wesley; Music by John Zundel) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg)

Verse 1

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;

all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Verse 3

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Verse 4

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Josephine Essien, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Gather whatever gifts you have, for together our gifts can feed thousands.
(All) Amen!

HOW TO GIVE / Josephine Essien

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***DOXOLOGY:** #95 *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg, 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 Josephine Essien)
Bless our gifts and bless us with your miraculous love, that our gifts may nurture your creation with abundance and hope. Bless our offerings this day, that all who are hungry may be fed, and all who yearn for love may experience love living in and through us. With thanksgiving and hope, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** #130 *"God Will Take Care of You"* (Words by Civilla D. Martin; Music by W. Stillman Martin) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg)

Verse 1

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Verse 3

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

[Refrain]

Verse 4

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.
[Refrain]

*BENEDICTION / Rev. J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: "Toccata Perpetua" (By Lani Smith) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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