

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost;
Holy Communion Sunday

"God's New Manna from Heaven"

SUNDAY WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE)

August 1, 2021, 10 a.m.

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

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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: *"Communion"* (By Louis Vierne) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from Ephesians 4, John 6) / Sophie Weiss, Liturgist
(Liturgist) There is one body, one spirit, one Lord of all.

(People) We are one body in Christ, bound together in holy love.

(Liturgist) There is one hope, one faith, one Father of all.

(People) We are one family of God, blessed with gifts of one Spirit.

(Liturgist) There is one baptism, one true home, one Mother of all.

(People) We are one people, nourished by God with the food of eternal life.

(Liturgist) Come! Let us worship.

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #131 *"We Gather Together"* (Words: *Nederlandtsch Gedenckclanck*, trans. by Theodore Baker; Music: 16th cent. Dutch melody; arr. by Edward Kremser) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg)

Verse 1

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.**

The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

Verse 2

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

Verse 3

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Adapted from Ephesians 4)

(Pastor) There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

(Congregation) The hope in our lives is Jesus.

(Pastor) There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

(Congregation) The call we must answer is God's.

(Pastor) There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

(Congregation) The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

(Pastor) There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.

(Congregation) The creator who calls us is God.

(Pastor) We are one body, one family, one church,

(Congregation) woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

(Pastor) With Christ's children throughout the world,

(All) we are one body in unity and love. Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME / Sophie Weiss

***GOSPEL READING: John 6:24-35** (NRSV) / Sophie Weiss, Liturgist

The Bread from Heaven

²⁴So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs,

but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

INTERLUDE: "*Sing Ye a Joyful Song*" (By Antonin Dvorak) / Yvonne Flagg, Soloist;
Accompanied by Robert Phillips

SERMON: "**The Bread of Life**" Sermon Series 2 of 5: "**GOD'S NEW MANNA FROM HEAVEN**" / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #599 "*Break Thou the Bread of Life*" (Words by Mary A. Lathbury; Music by William F. Sherwin) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg)

Verse 1

Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

Verse 2

Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Sophie Weiss, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Each one of us has been given gifts of the Spirit for the welfare of this congregation and the world. Let us share our gifts, our passions, our talents, and our treasure this day as we build ourselves into the family of God.

(All) Amen!

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

***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 Sophie Weiss)**
**God of grace and glory, receive the gifts we have received from your hand into the service of this church and the world. Transform our lives into acts of your grace, that we may be bound into one body, and one spirit, through Christ, the author of our salvation.
Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

PREPARATIONS FOR THE COMMUNION:

In-Person: Everyone will be given an individual combination communion pack (called "Fellowship Cup") when entering into the sanctuary. When Pastor invites you to take the elements, (1) Peel back air-tight seal to eat the wafer ("Bread") (2) Peel back the second seal to drink the juice ("Cup"). Trash cans will be available when you exit from the sanctuary after the service. (Video on How to Open a "Fellowship Cup.")

Online: Please have your own Bread and Cup ready at your home. Take your elements when Pastor invites you to do so.

Telephone: Please have your own Bread and Cup ready at your home. Take your elements when Pastor invites you to do so.

INVITATION

(Pastor) God loves us – each and every one of us – with his amazing love shown on the cross of Christ. We all are invited to Christ’s table of grace and mercy. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) (Adapted from 2 Sam 11–12, Ps 51, Eph 4)

(All) Gracious God, we want to live as people worthy of your calling. Help us recognize your gifts and blessings, that we may live up to our calling and bless others with our words and our lives. When we fall short, have mercy on us. When we don’t know our mistakes, speak truth to us with your loving guidance. Create a new heart within us, a heart full of love and gratitude. Nourish us with the grace of your presence, that we may indeed live as people worthy of your calling. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

PARDON

(Pastor) Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(People) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(All) Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) The bread of life be with you.

(Congregation) And also with you.

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

(Congregation) We lift them up to God.

(Pastor) Let us give thanks to the God of love and grace.

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

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to bring our thanks and gratitude to you, God of love and grace. Since the beginning of time, you have created us in your image, nourished us with your wisdom and grace, called us into relationship with you, and invited us to live lives worthy of your calling.

When we failed to live in a manner worthy of this calling, and when we wandered lost on the paths of death and destruction, you continued to walk with us, nourishing us with your wisdom and grace. In the words of prophets and poets, you have spoken your truth in love, reminding us of your call, and showing us the way to answer it.

In the fullness of time, you came to us as the bread of life, as Jesus the Christ, speaking truth in new and renewing ways, calling us to unity and peace, showering us with mercy and grace, and inviting us to live as your people on earth.

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

(All Singing)

Elise Eslinger
(after NICAEA)

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 Christ Jesus, the bread of life. With joy and gratitude, we remember that night when Jesus took a simple loaf of bread, broke it, and transformed it with his love, saying: "Take, eat, this is my body, the bread of life, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, blessing it with gratitude and transforming it with love and grace, saying: "Drink from this, all of you. This is the living water, my very life, 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 of nourishing love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. Called to be your people, and yearning to live worthy of our calling in the unity and peace of your Spirit, and in union with Christ's love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Singing)

Elise Eslinger



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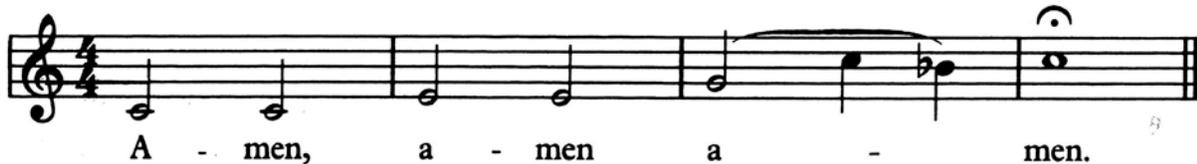
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they might become for us the bread of life and the living water. May they strengthen us to live as your people, and may they nourish us with grace for eternal life.

By your Spirit, make us one with you, one in unity and peace with each other, and one in the ministry to the world until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at your heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forevermore.

(All Singing)

Elise Eslinger



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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

(Pastor) The body of Christ, given for you.

(All) Amen.

(Pastor) The blood of Christ, given for you.

(All) Amen.

(Pastor) Now, please take your Bread and Cup.

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Thank you, God, for renewing us at your table by the presence of our Christ. Thank you for your eternal love, the Bread of Life, that sustains all creation. May you continue to love us in our faithful acts and by that love discourage us from our unfaithful acts, that we might rejoice as your servants and witnesses to the world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #2260 "Let Us Be Bread" (Words and Music by Thomas J. Porter) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)**

Refrain

**Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord, broken and shared, life for the world.
Let us be wine, love freely poured. Let us be one in the Lord.**

Verse 1

**I am the bread of life, broken for all. Eat now and hunger no more.
[Refrain]**

Verse 2

**You are my friends if you keep my commands, no longer servants but friends.
[Refrain]**

Verse 3

**See how my people have nothing to eat. Give them the bread that is you.
[Refrain]**

Verse 4

**As God has loved me, so I have loved you. Go and live on in my love.
[Refrain]**

***BENEDICTION / Rev. J. T. Kim**

POSTLUDE: "Voluntary on 'Kremser'" (By Gordon Young) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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