



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost;  
Welcoming New Members Sunday  
**"Bread for the Journey"**  
"The Bread of Life" Sermon Series 5 of 5

**SUNDAY WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE)**

August 22, 2021, 10 a.m.

First United Methodist Church of Riverside (<https://firstchurchriverside.org>)  
**August 22, 2021: 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost; Welcoming New Members Sunday**  
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:** "Fairest Lord Jesus" (By James Woodman) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

\***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from 1 Kings 8, Psalm 84) / Mimi Luker, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Come! Dwell in God's courts forever.

**(People) Happy are those who live and pray in God's house.**

(Liturgist) In God alone our hearts sing for joy.

**(People) In God alone do we find strength.**

(Liturgist) O Lord of hosts, how lovely is your dwelling place.

**(All) We have come in prayer to worship the Lord. Amen!**

\***OPENING HYMN:** #189 "Fairest Lord Jesus" (Words: *Münster Gesangbuch*, trans. Joseph August Seiss; Music: *Schlessche Volkslieder*, arr. by Richard Storrs Willis) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

### Verse 1

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

### Verse 2

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

### Verse 3

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

### Verse 4

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

#### **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)**

Holy One, you have called us to this place, a place where we find your Spirit. We have gathered here to pray and to be forgiven, to love and be loved, and to hear the word boldly proclaimed as we apply it to our lives. Open our hearts to the mystery of your Word. Remind us that your Word is proclaimed in the life of Jesus, the Christ. Help us believe in you and in your love for us. In the holy name of Christ we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Pastor J. T. Kim

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 6:56-69 (NRSV) / Mimi Luker, Liturgist**

*The Living Bread from Heaven*

<sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

*The Words of Eternal Life*

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not

believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." <sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**INTERLUDE:** *"Drops of Water"* (By Jim Strathdee) / Kris Lovekin, Soloist, Accompanied by Robert Phillips

**SERMON:** *"The Bread of Life"* Sermon Series 5 of 5: **"BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY"** / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #2080 *"All I Need Is You"* (By Dan Adler) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

### Verse 1

All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is You.

You are the source of all I need.

All I need is you.

### Verse 2

All I want is you, Jesus, all I want is you.

You are the source of all I need.

All I want is you.

### Verse 3

My only hope is you, Lord, my only hope is you.

You are the source of all I need.

My only hope is you.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** / Mimi Luker, Liturgist

(Liturgist) In this holy place, you are invited to bring your prayers and your offerings before God – the one who calls us to faith and who calls us to life.

(All) **Amen!**

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- Drop Off: Please use the church's mail slot.
- 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 Mimi Luker, Liturgist)**  
**Gracious God, thank you for these gifts. We offer them to you, seeking your blessing, that they might be used to welcome all, and to inspire faith in our community. We offer our very selves, asking that we might become your faithful followers. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**



## **Welcoming New Members** **Through Reaffirmations of Faith**

Lucinda Edmunds & Amelia Nieto

Sunday, August 22, 2021

### **INTRODUCTION**

(Pastor) Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

(Mimi Luker, Co-Lay Leader) I present Lucinda Edmunds to reaffirm her faith in person. Amelia Nieto, who is unable to be present in person this morning, has already reaffirmed her faith at home, officiated by Pastor, along with the witness of a laity representative (Greg Laird).

### **RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

(Pastor) On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **(Candidate) I do.**

(Co-Lay Leader) Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **(Candidate) I do.**

(Pastor) Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **(Candidate) I do.**

(Co-Lay Leader) According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of Christ's holy Church and serve as a Christ's representative in the world? **(Candidate) I will.**

(Pastor addresses the congregation) Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**(Congregation) We do.**

(Pastor to the congregation) Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**(Congregation) With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Pastor) *Lucinda*, remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

(Pastor presents a cross to the candidate)

(Pastor) *Lucinda*, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

(Co-Lay Leader) As a member of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**(Candidate) I will.**

### **RECEPTION INTO THE CONGREGATION OF FUMC OF RIVERSIDE**

(Pastor) As a member of this congregation, First United Methodist Church of Riverside, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

**(Candidate) I will.**

## COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

(Pastor addresses the congregation) Members of the household of God, I commend **Lucinda Edmunds and Amelia Nieto** to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

(Congregation) We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Riverside, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

## BLESSINGS FOR THOSE REAFFIRMED AND RECEIVED

(Pastor) The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP

LAITY BLESSINGS / Mimi Luker, Co-Lay Leader

**\*SENDING HYMN: #600 "Wonderful Words of Life"** (By Philip P. Bliss) / All (Led by Kris Lovekin; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

### Verse 1

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;  
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;  
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

### Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.  
Beautiful words, wonderful words,  
wonderful words of life.

### Verse 2

Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;  
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;  
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.

[Refrain]

### Verse 3

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;  
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;  
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.

[Refrain]

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Ephesians 6) / Led by Rev. J. T. Kim,

Pastor

(Pastor) Draw strength from God's power.

**(People) We will put on the full armor of God.**

(Pastor) Stand boldly in God's truth.

**(People) We will wear the belt of truth, and put on the breastplate of justice.**

(Pastor) Put on the shield of faith and pray with the saints.

**(People) We will wear the helmet of salvation and proclaim the gospel of peace.**

(Pastor) Go as ambassadors of the living God.

**(All) Amen!**

**Postlude:** : *"Prelude and Fugue in C Major"* (By Johann Ludwig Krebs) / Robert Phillips,

Organist

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