



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

"Jesus, the Guest & the Host"

"The Bread of Life" Sermon Series 3 of 5

SUNDAY WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE)

August 8, 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: "One Bread, One Body" (By James Biery) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from Psalm 130, John 6) / Greg Laird, Liturgist
(Liturgist) We cry out to you, O Lord.

(People) Hear our voices and heed our prayers.

(Liturgist) We wait for the fulfillment of your promises, O God.

(People) Renew our hope and restore our joy.

(Liturgist) We gather to receive your strength, O Christ.

(People) Feed us with the bread of eternal life.

(Liturgist) Come! Let us worship.

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (Words by William Williams, trans. by Peter Williams; Music by John Hughes) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg)

Verse 1

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

Verse 2

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

Verse 3

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Adapted from Ps 130, Eph 4, John 6)

Source of faithful love, you redeem us from our wrongs. We come before you today, eager to be refreshed in body and to be made whole in spirit. Feed us from the living bread that comes down from heaven, for we are drawn to your Son as steel is drawn to a magnet. Build up our community of faith through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may live as those who are worthy of our calling. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Greg Laird

*GOSPEL READING: John 6:35, 41-51 (NRSV) / Greg Laird, Liturgist

The Living Bread that Came Down from Heaven

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.”

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴²They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose

father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

INTERLUDE: "*Gather Us In*" (By Rebecca Groom te Velde) (Video) / Robert Phillips, Organist

SERMON: "**The Bread of Life**" Sermon Series 3 of 5: "**JESUS, THE GUEST AND THE HOST**" / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #405 "*Seek Ye First*" (By Karen Lafferty) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg)

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Verse 2

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia!

Verse 3

Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word
That proceeds out from the mouth of God.

Hallelu, Hallelujah!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Greg Laird, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Nourished by the bread of heaven and the living waters of salvation, let us return thanks to God through our tithes and offerings this morning.

(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 Greg Laird)
Bountiful God, in praise and thanksgiving for your many blessings, receive our tithes and offerings, that they may be for the world signs of the bread of heaven and the fullness of your grace. For we came here hungry for your Spirit, and you fed us with food that satisfies. We came here thirsting for your grace, and you revived us in our need. In humble thanks, we thank you. Amen.

LEGACY GIVING MOMENT: "The Rev. Ken Miller" / David Fraser, Chairperson of Finance Committee

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** #672 "*God Be with You till We Meet Again*" (Verses 1 & 4 only) (Words by Jeremiah E. Rankin; Music by William G. Tomer) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,

with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

Verse 4

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite death's threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again.

[Refrain]

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

POSTLUDE: "*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*" (By Paul Manz) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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