



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday

## Sunday Worship (In-Person & Online)

October 3, 2021, 10 a.m.

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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

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(Audio Only: To listen to Sunday Livestreaming - Call 1-877-755-5136)

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Please stand if you are able.

**PRELUDE:** *"Meditation on 'Akatombo' (Red Dragonfly)"* (from *Three Japanese Sketches* by Guy Bovet) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

\***CHORALE INTROIT:** *"Make a Joyful Noise"* (By Jane M. Marshall) / The Aldersgate Chorale; Directed by Yvonne Flagg

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (World Communion Sunday) / Lyn Knowles, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**(People) We gather as your children, connected in Christ.**

(Liturgist) What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

**(People) We gather as your children, seeking your kingdom.**

(Liturgist) You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.

**(People) We gather as your children, ready to be your hands and feet in the world.**

**(All) Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen!**

*(Adapted from the 2021 World Communion Sunday Online Resource from Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church)*

\***OPENING HYMN:** #277 *"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"* (Words by William H. Parker; Music by Frederick A. Challinor) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

#### Verse 1

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:**

scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

Verse 2

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Verse 3

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

**\*PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (World Communion Sunday)**

O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(Adapted from "World Communion Sunday Prayer," by Barbara Dunlap-Berg, *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, © 1992 The United Methodist Publishing House)

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** *"This Is Our Prayer"* (By Sally Ahner) / The Aldersgate Chorale  
(Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

**CHILDREN'S TIME** / Lyn Knowles

**ANTHEM:** *"Kum Ba Yah"* (African-American Spiritual, arr. by Michael Larkin) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

**\*GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:13-16 (NRSV)** / Lyn Knowles, Liturgist

*Jesus Blesses Little Children*

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of

God as a little child will never enter it." <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: "BLESSING OUR CHILDREN" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #191 "Jesus Loves Me"** (Words by Anna B. Warner, David Rutherford McGuire, trans.: Cherokee, Robert Bushyhead; Music by William B. Bradbury) / Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips

### Verse 1

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

### Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me!  
The Bible tells me so.

### Verse 2

Jesus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long ago,  
taking children on his knee, saying, "Let them come to me."  
[Refrain]

### Verse 3

Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,  
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live.  
[Refrain]

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Lyn Knowles, Liturgist**

(Liturgist) Receiving the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice. We present our gifts knowing that you have entrusted us to care for one another.

**(All) Amen!**

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**HOW TO GIVE / Lyn Knowles, Liturgist**

- Online: Please click [www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving](http://www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving)
- Scan: This QR code (shown below) will lead you to our church website's eGiving page (it's handy if you use your smart phone).



- Mail: To First UMC of Riverside, 4845 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506.
- 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 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) / Led by Lyn Knowles, Liturgist  
Gracious God, bless this World Communion Sunday offering as it is multiplied in  
partnership with other United Methodist congregations. Transform these gifts into  
blessings of your children's hopes and dreams as they commit themselves to building  
your kingdom. Amen!**

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## **HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES**

(World Communion Sunday: October 3, 2021)

### **INVITATION**

(Pastor) As we dwell in the beauty of our unity at table with our sisters and brothers within the congregation, and with all the friends around the world, it is good to remember our isolation and brokenness. War, displacement, exile, pandemic crisis, economic crisis, natural disaster: all have been known for thousands of years, as they are today.

At the table here in the sanctuary and at your home, we accompany the afflicted and seek comfort and renewal for ourselves, that we may be agents of the same to a world in need. All are welcome here – in person, via online or telephone in the same Spirit. Please join me in Responsive Prayer of Confession:

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(Pastor) Holy Teacher of humility and grace, you emptied yourself of divinity, and came to live among us as a simple, human being.

**(All) Forgive us, Holy One, when we take pride in our accomplishments, and look for applause and praise from those around us.**

(Pastor) You walked among us healing and telling stories, pouring out your life for the sake of those in need.

**(All) Forgive us, Gentle Servant, when we guard our time and our money, afraid that someone will take advantage of our good nature.**

(Pastor) You ask us to do your work and to be the living body of Christ for the sake of a hurting, broken world.

**(All) Forgive us, Gracious God, when we focus all our time and effort on what will please ourselves. 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 Lord be with you.

**(All) And also with you.**

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

**(All) We lift them up to God.**

(Pastor) Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**(All) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(All Singing) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory / Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord / Hosanna in the highest.**

(Pastor) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, 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 in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**(All Singing) Christ has died / Christ is risen / Christ will come again.**

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**(All Singing) Amen / Amen / Amen.**

### **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**

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

Please take your Bread and Cup now.

### **UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS / Mimi Luker, Co-Lay Leader**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"** (Words by Omer Westendorf; Music: Welsh Folk Tune; harm. by Leland Sateren) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**Verse 1**

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
thy people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**Verse 2**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

**(Pastor) Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

**(People) We are sent as your children, connected in Christ.**

**(Pastor) What are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?**

**(People) We are sent as your children, building up your kingdom.**

**(Pastor) You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet.**

**(People) We are sent as your children, ready to be your hands and feet in the world.**

**(All) Our Sovereign God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen!**

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**POSTLUDE: "Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)"** (By John A. Behnke) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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