



Family Sunday; Back-To-Church Sunday with The Response Band & The Aldersgate Chorale

SUNDAY WORSHIP (IN-PERSON & ONLINE)

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021, 10 a.m.

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

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with The Response Band and The Aldersgate Chorale**

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: *"Lord, Be Glorified"* (By Emma Lou Diemer) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from Prov 31, Jas 3, Mark 9) / Mateo Mamea, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

(People) As we come into God's presence, the Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.

(Liturgist) The Spirit calls us to kindness and peace.

(All) Wisdom calls us to service and love. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #2270 *"He Has Made Me Glad"* (By Leona Von Brethorst) / All (Led by The Response)

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.
I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Video) / All (Led by Omi and Lily Tuihalamaka)

(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.

SCRIPTURE READING: James 3:13-4:10 (CEB) / Mateo Mamea, Liturgist

Wisdom from above

¹³Are any of you wise and understanding? Show that your actions are good with a humble lifestyle that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴However, if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, then stop bragging and living in ways that deny the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above. Instead, it is from the earth, natural and demonic. ¹⁶Wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and everything that is evil. ¹⁷What of the wisdom from above? First, it is pure, and then peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good actions, fair, and genuine. ¹⁸Those who make peace sow the seeds of justice by their peaceful acts.

Conflict with People and God

^{4:1}What is the source of conflict among you? What is the source of your disputes? Don't they come from your cravings that are at war in your own lives? ²You long for something you don't have, so you commit murder. You are jealous for something you can't get, so you struggle and fight. You don't have because you don't ask. ³You ask and don't have because you ask with evil intentions, to waste it on your own cravings.

⁴You unfaithful people! Don't you know that friendship with the world means hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the world's friend becomes God's enemy. ⁵Or do you suppose that scripture is meaningless? Doesn't God long for our faithfulness in the life he has given to us? ⁶But he gives us more grace. This is why it says, *God stands against the proud, but favors the humble.* ⁷Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will run away from you. ⁸Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Cry out in sorrow, mourn, and weep! Let your laughter become mourning and your joy become sadness. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

(Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the people of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME / Mateo Mamea

ANTHEM: *"Come, Holy Spirit"* (By Mark Foreman) / Aldersgate Chorale with The Response

SERMON: **"PURSUING WISDOM FROM ABOVE"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** *"Thy Word Is a Lamp"* (Words by Amy Grant; Music by Michael W. Smith, arr. by Keith Phillips) / All (Led by The Response)

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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Verse 1

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me, and nothing will I fear

As long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Verse 2

Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

(Liturgist) Let us open our hands to the poor and our hearts to the needy. Let us sow peace in our world through the gifts and offerings we give this day.

(All) Amen!

HOW TO GIVE / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

- Online: Please click www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving
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Thank you so much for being faithful to God through our Church!

***OFFERING SONG:** *“As We Seek Your Face / Jesus, Draw Me Close”* (by Dave Billbraugh and Rick Founds) / All (Led by Rev. Beverly Devine; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**As we seek your face, may we know your heart;
Feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.
For I desire to worship and obey.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON) / All** (Led by Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader)
Distribute these offerings in your wisdom and your understanding, that they may sow seeds of peace, mercy, and justice this day. Draw near to us, O God, that our very lives may be offerings of your love and grace. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #2032 “My Life Is in You, Lord”** (By Daniel Gardner) / All (Led by The Response)

**My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
My hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.**

**I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
With all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from James 3, Mark 9)

(Pastor) Having drawn near to the God of love,

(People) we go forth to bear fruit in due season.

(Pastor) Having drawn near to the Spirit of wisdom,

(People) we go forth with humility and understanding.

(Pastor) Having drawn near to the Presence of mercy and grace,

(People) we go forth as children of compassion and peace.

(Pastor) Go with God.

(All) Amen!

POSTLUDE: “Festivals” (By Gordon Young) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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