



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Sunday Worship (In-Person & Online)

September 26, 2021, at 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

<https://facebook.com/firstchurchriverside/live>

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

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Please stand if you are able.

**PRELUDE:** *"Prélude"* (By César Franck) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

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

\***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from Psalm 24, James 5) / Carmen Lonsbery, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) If God had not been for us,  
**(People) calamity would have swallowed us whole.**

(Liturgist) If Christ had not been on our side,  
**(People) we would have fallen like birds shot from the sky.**

(Liturgist) If the Spirit had abandoned us in our need,  
**(People) we would have dried up like blooms in the desert.**

(Liturgist) Come to the Lord in prayer.  
**(People) Come find healing and peace.**  
**(All) Come, let us worship. Amen!**

\***OPENING HYMN:** #503 *"Let It Breathe on Me"* (2 times) (By Magnolia Lewis-Butts) / All  
(Led by Yvonne Flagg)

**Let it breathe on me; let it breathe on me;  
let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.  
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let the breath of the Lord now breathe on me.**

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

**"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, forever. Amen."**

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

CHILDREN'S TIME / Pastor J. T. Kim

INTERLUDE: *"Allegro"* from *"Autumn"* (By Antonio Vivaldi; Edited and arranged by S. Drummond Wolff) (Video) / Robert Phillips, Organist

SCRIPTURE READING: James 5:13-20 (CEB) / Carmen Lonsbery, Liturgist  
*The Prayer of Faith*

**<sup>13</sup>If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. <sup>14</sup>If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>For this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a person just like us. When he earnestly prayed that it wouldn't rain, no rain fell for three and a half years. <sup>18</sup>He prayed again, God sent rain, and the earth produced its fruit.**

**<sup>19</sup>My brothers and sisters, if any of you wander from the truth and someone turns back the wanderer, <sup>20</sup>recognize that whoever brings a sinner back from the wrong path will save them from death and will bring about the forgiveness of many sins.**

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

**(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

ANTHEM: *"Blessed Be My Lord"* (By Douglas E. Wagner) / The Aldersgate Chorale  
(Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

SERMON: **"THEREFORE, GO!"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #526** *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”* (Words by Joseph M. Scriven; Music by Charles C. Converse) / Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips

**Verse 1**

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Verse 2**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Verse 3**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Carmen Lonsbery, Liturgist**  
(Liturgist) Another way that we become a flavorful and peaceful community is by sharing the gifts of our lives with the world. We are a compassionate and generous people, so let us give joyfully.

**(All) Amen!**

**HOW TO GIVE / Carmen Lonsbery, Liturgist**

- Online: Please click [www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving](http://www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving)
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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) / Led by Carmen Lonsbery, Liturgist**  
**Brother Jesus, make us and our gifts salt for the world. Make us and our gifts the source of comfort and relief to the suffering, joy and courage to all. Bless our gifts of presence and treasure, that people may recognize you, Life-Giver, in our lives and in our world.**  
**Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #462 "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (Verses 1, 2 & 4 only) (Words by Louisa M. R. Stead; Music by William J. Kirkpatrick) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)**

**Verse 1**

**'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,  
and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise,  
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."**

**Refrain**

**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust him more!**

**Verse 2**

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus,  
just to trust his cleansing blood;  
and in simple faith to plunge me  
'neath the healing, cleansing flood!  
[Refrain]**

**Verse 4**

**I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,  
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;**

and I know that thou art with me,  
wilt be with me to the end.  
[Refrain]

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

POSTLUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in G Major" (By Johann Ludwig Krebs)  
/ Robert Phillips, Organist

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**In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

**(Since August 2021)**

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