



COMMITMENT

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost;
Commitment Sunday

Sunday Worship (In-Person & Online)

October 24, 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

<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: "Cantabile" (By César Franck) / 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** (Adapted from Job 42, Ps 34) / John McDonald, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Magnify the Lord. Exalt God's holy name.

(People) How can we praise God amidst so much suffering?

(Liturgist) God is Lord over all – both good and evil.

(People) Only the saints can comprehend such things.

(Liturgist) The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing, and transforms the suffering of the faithful into a deeper joy.

(People) Restore our fortunes, O God, when calamity strikes.

(Liturgist) Magnify the Lord, you righteous of the Lord.

(All) We will exalt God's holy name. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #98 "To God Be the Glory" (Words by Fanny J. Crosby; Music by William H. Doane) / All (Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,**

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

[Refrain]

Verse 3

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

[Refrain]

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) / All (Led by Pastor J. T. Kim)

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, we know that all we have received is from your hand.
Gracious and Loving Father, you call us to be stewards of your abundance, the caretakers of all you
have entrusted to us. Help us to always use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.
Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful
stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in
Jesus' name. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME / Pastor J. T. Kim

ORGAN INTERLUDE (Video): *"Tocatta from Baroque Suite"* (By Craig A. Penfield) / Robert
Phillips, Organist

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 19:12-26 (NRSV) / John McDonald, Liturgist**

The Parable of the Ten Pounds

¹² So he said, "A nobleman went to a distant country to get royal power for himself and then return. ¹³ He summoned ten of his slaves, and gave them ten pounds, and said to them, 'Do business with these until I come back.' ¹⁴ But the citizens of his country hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to rule over us.' ¹⁵ When he returned, having received royal power, he ordered these slaves, to whom he had given the money, to be summoned so that he might find out what they had gained by trading. ¹⁶ The first came forward and said, 'Lord, your pound has made ten more pounds.' ¹⁷ He said to him, 'Well done, good slave! Because you have been trustworthy in a very small thing, take charge of ten cities.' ¹⁸ Then the second came, saying, 'Lord, your pound has made five pounds.' ¹⁹ He said to him, 'And you, rule over five cities.' ²⁰ Then the other came, saying, 'Lord, here is your pound. I wrapped it up in a piece of cloth, ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man; you take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²² He said to him, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked slave! You knew, did you, that I was a harsh man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not put my money into the bank? Then when I returned, I could have collected it with interest.' ²⁴ He said to the bystanders, 'Take the pound from him and give it to the one who has ten pounds.' ²⁵ (And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten pounds!') ²⁶ 'I tell you, to all those who have, more will be given; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'"

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "Ascribe to the Lord" (By Joseph M. Martin) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

SERMON: "THE POWER OF YOUR 'ONE POUND'" (Stewardship Sermon 2 of 2) /
The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #356 "When We Are Living"** (Verses 1, 2 & 3 only) (St. 1 words trans. by Elise S. Eslinger; Sts. 2, 3 by Roberto Escamilla, trans. by George Lockwood; Music: trad. Spanish melody; harm. from *Celebremos*) / Led by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips

Verse 1

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,

Refrain

we belong to God, we belong to God.

Verse 2

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
[Refrain]

Verse 3

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
[Refrain]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / John McDonald, Liturgist

(Liturgist) The One who provides for us, the One who calls us by name, also asks us to give what we can. May this be a time when we offer our gifts to God in thanksgiving and praise.

(All) Amen!

HOW TO GIVE / John McDonald, Liturgist

- Online: Please click 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.
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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 John McDonald, Liturgist)**
Gracious God, you gave us the gift of your Son. In thankfulness for this gift, we offer these gifts to you, that they may be used to help our neighbors, both near and far. As we offer these gifts to you, may we also offer our very lives in service of one another. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Mimi Luker, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #672 "God Be with You till We Meet Again"** (Words by Jeremiah E. Rankin; Music by William G. Tomer) (Verses 1 & 4 only) / 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, (again)
till we meet
at Jesus' feet; (till we meet)**

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]**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION**

(Pastor) We once were broken, but now are whole.

(People) We go with peace in our hearts.

(Pastor) We once were blind, but now we see.

(People) We go with hope for our lives.

(Pastor) We once were lost, but now are found.

(People) We go with joy and thanksgiving.

(Pastor) We once were alone, but now are family.

(All) We go with God. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "To God Be the Glory" (By Don Hustad) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

(Since August 2021)

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(Please update our prayer list by contacting our church office. Thank you!)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please contact the church office for more details.

Sunday (Today), October 24

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 am

Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) - 10:00 am

Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am

Caring Ministry (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:30 am

Monday, October 25

Church Council (Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 26

Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7:00 pm
UMW Citrus Circle (Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 27

Parents Morning Out (Room 2, PS) - 9:00 am
Youth UPLIFT (Youth Center) - 6:30 pm
Stewardship Bible Study (Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 28

UMW Bible Study (Zoom) - 6:45 pm
Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 30

Halloween Organ Concert (Sanctuary) - 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 31

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) - 10:00 am
Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am

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