



Thanksgiving Sunday; Family Sunday;
Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday

Sunday Worship (In-Person & Online)

November 21, 2021, 10 a.m.

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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**November 21, 2021: Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday; Thanksgiving Sunday;
Family Sunday with The Response and the Aldersgate Chorale**

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Lillian & Julia Zeeb, Acolytes

PRELUDE: *"We Gather Together"* (By Healey Willan) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

***CHORALE INTROIT:** *"This Is the Day,"* from "Acclamations" (By Hal H. Hopson) / The Aldersgate Chorale; Directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Joel 2, Ps 126, Matt 6) / Greg Laird, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Those who go out weeping,

(People) shall come home with shouts of joy!

(Liturgist) Those who worry about their life,

(People) shall learn that God knows all their needs.

(Liturgist) Those who have experienced the swarming locust,

(People) shall eat in plenty and be satisfied.

(Liturgist) Those who long for comfort,

(All) shall be glad and rejoice, for God has done great things! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** *"10,000 Reasons"* (Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman)

/ All (Led by The Response)

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,

Worship His holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.
[Refrain]

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
[Refrain]

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come,
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.
[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) (Adapted from Joel 2, Ps 126, 1 Tim 2, Matt 6)

We gather before you today, O God, intent on giving you thanks. We remember the wonders of your past, even as we yearn for the wonders you have in store for us. We long to touch your mercy and your care, for our lives are often sown with tears. Help our rulers and authorities seek to the building of your kingdom and the triumph of your righteousness. Restore our fortunes, O God, like streams watering the wilderness, that we may reap with shouts of joy what was planted in sorrow. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord,*" from "Introits and Responses" (By C. Albert Scholin) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

CHILDREN'S TIME / Mateo Mamea

INTERLUDE: "*Nobody*" (By Mark Hall, Bernie Herms, Matthew West) / The Response

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) / Greg Laird, Liturgist

Do Not Be Anxious About Anything

⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Now Thank We All Our God" (By David N. Johnson) / The Aldersgate Chorale

(Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-33 (NRSV)**

Do Not Worry About Your Life

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "FROM ANXIETY TO GRATITUDE" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Give Thanks" (Words and Music by Henry Smith) / All (Led by The Response)**

Refrain

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

And now let the weak say I am strong,
Let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say I am strong,
Let the poor say I am rich,
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
[Refrain]

And now let the weak say I am strong,
Let the poor say I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Greg Laird, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Be glad and rejoice! Just as summer brought green forests and sunny days, so now fall brings abundant fields and changing leaves. As the rain falls upon us, may we remember that the seasons, the fertile earth, and the blessings they yield are gifts from God – gifts to be shared with those in need.

(All) Amen!

HOW TO GIVE / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

- Online: Please click www.firstchurchriverside.org/giving
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- 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!

***OFFERING SONG:** *"As We Seek Your Face / Jesus, Draw Me Close"* (by Dave Bilbraugh 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 Greg Laird, Liturgist)**
Gracious God, source of every blessing, we look forward to your harvest each year. Our tables overflow with the bounty of this good earth, but our tables pale in comparison to the splendor that awaits us, and all of your children, at your heavenly banquet. Receive these offerings, as we thank you for your many blessings, and help us be mindful of those who go without, as we feast and make merry during this festive season. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"** (Words by Henry Van Dyke) / All (Led by The Response)

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee,
Earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!

Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

Verse 4

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward,
In the triumph song of life.

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Ps 126, Matt 6)

(Pastor) Go home with hearts filled with hope! For God, who has restored us in the past, will do so again.

(People) Let us go home singing songs of hope!

(Pastor) Go home with shouts of joy! For God, who knows our tears, will not leave us comfortless.

(People) Let us go home singing songs of joy!

(Pastor) Go home with souls touched by grace! For God, who knows our needs and daily cares, will provide us with the blessings of life.

(All) Let us go home singing songs of grace and mercy! Amen!

POSTLUDE: *"Postlude on 'Now Thank We All Our God'"* (By Charles Callahan) / Robert Phillips, Organist

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD / Lillian and Julia Zeeb, Acolytes

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Organist: Robert Phillips

Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale

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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), November 21

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

Thanksgiving Sunday & Family Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 am

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

Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary) - After Service

Monday, November 22

Church Council (Zoom) - 7 pm

Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Tuesday, November 23

UMW Citrus Circle (Zoom) - 7 pm

Thursday, November 25

Happy Thanksgiving! Church Campus Closed

Friday, November 26

Church Campus Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Saturday, November 27

Stephen Ministry (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am

Sunday, November 28

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

First Sunday of Advent Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 am

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

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

All Church Conference 2021-2022 (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

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