



Second Sunday after the Epiphany; Human Relations Day;  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Sunday; Family Sunday Worship with The Response

## Sunday Worship (In-Person & Online)

January 16, 2022, 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.

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES** / Kristin Beals and Lillian Zeeb, Acolytes

**PRELUDE:** "All My Trials, Lord" (By Michael Hassell) / Robert Phillips, Pianist

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

\***CHORAL INTROIT:** "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" from *Introits and Responses* (By C. Albert Scholin) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

\***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from John 2, 1 Corinthians 12) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Come to the feast.

**(People) God welcomes us here.**

(Liturgist) Come to be fed.

**(People) Christ nourishes us with love.**

(Liturgist) Come to be transformed.

**(All) The Spirit re-creates us anew each day. Amen!**

\***OPENING HYMN:** #2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine" (By Graham Kendrick) / All (Led by The Response)

#### Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory,

Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Verse 1

Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
[Refrain]

Verse 2

Lord, I come to your awesome presence  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
[Refrain]

Verse 3

As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me, shine on me.  
[Refrain]

WELCOME / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) / All (Led by Pastor Kim)

(Pastor) We remember the conviction of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., that "freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

**(All) Therefore, let us pray for courage and determination by those who are oppressed....**  
(pause)

(Pastor) We remember Dr. King's warning that "a negative peace which is the absence of tension" is less than "a positive peace which is the presence of justice."

**(All) Therefore, let us pray that those who work for peace in our world may cry out first for justice....** (pause)

(Pastor) We remember Dr. King's insight that "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

**(All) Therefore, let us pray that we may see nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven.... (pause)**

(Pastor) We remember Dr. King's lament that "the contemporary church is often a weak, ineffectual voice with an uncertain sound. It is so often the arch-supporter of the status quo. Far from being disturbed by the presence of the Church, the power structure of the average community is consoled by the Church's silent and often vocal sanction of things as they are."

**(All) Therefore, let us pray that neither this congregation nor any congregation of Christ's people may be silent in the face of wrong, but that we may be disturbers of the status quo when that is God's call to us.... (pause)**

(Pastor) We remember Dr. King's "hope that dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and siblinghood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty."

**(All) Therefore, in faith, let us commend ourselves and our work for justice to the goodness of almighty God. Amen!**

(Adapted from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, 1992, #435; Quotations from *Letter from the Birmingham City Jail* by Martin Luther King, Jr.; Litany by W. B. McClain & L. H. Stookey)

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME** / Mateo Mamea

**INTERLUDE:** "*Holy Spirit*" (By Brian Torwalt & Katie Torwalt) (Video) / The Response

**\*GOSPEL READING:** John 2:1-11 (NRSV) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

*The Wedding at Cana*

**<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then**

the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**ANTHEM:** "A Canon of Praise" (By Natalie Sleeth) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

**SERMON:** "FILL YOUR EMPTY JARS WITH WATER!" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (By Peter Scholtes) / All (Led by The Response)

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

Refrain

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Verse 2

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
[Refrain]

Verse 3

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:  
[Refrain]

Verse 4

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
[Refrain]

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from John 2) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Whether your jars are empty or full of wine, whether your gifts seem mighty or small, they are gifts to be treasured and shared, just as we are gifts to be treasured and shared. Let us share ourselves and our gifts with the world this day.

**(All) Amen!**

**HOW TO GIVE /** Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

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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 Bilbraugh and Rick Founds) / All (Led by The Response; 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.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Christ of miracles, transform the gifts we return to you, that they may be gifts of abundant life, and ever-flowing love, for a world thirsting for your grace. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN:** *"Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King"* (By John Wyeth, Robert Robinson, Thomas Miller) / All (Led by The Response)

**Verse 1**

**Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;**

Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Verse 2

I was lost in utter darkness,  
'Til You came and rescued me.  
I was bound by all my sin when  
Your love came and set me free.  
Now my soul can sing a new song,  
Now my heart has found a home.  
Now Your grace is always with me,  
And I'll never be alone.

Verse 3

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*" (By Michael Hassell) / Robert Phillips, Pianist

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD / Kristin Beals & Lillian Zeeb,  
Acolytes

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

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Please contact the church office for more details.

**Sunday, January 16**

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

**Monday, January 17**

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Church Campus Closed

**Tuesday, January 18**

Finance (Zoom) - 5:30 pm  
Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

**Wednesday, January 19**

Parents' Morning Out (PS Room 2) - 9 am  
UMW Meeting (Zoom) - 1 pm  
Youth (Youth Center) - 6:30 pm

**Thursday, January 20**

Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

**Saturday, January 22**

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

**Sunday, January 23**

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 am  
Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am  
Caring Ministry (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:30 am



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