



Fourth Sunday in Lent; UMCOR Sunday

Sunday Worship

March 27, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-Person & Online)

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

March 27, 2022: Fourth Sunday in Lent;

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sunday

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN-PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 AM

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand if you are able.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Joseph & Justice Juarez, Acolytes

PRELUDE: "*My Jesus, I Love Thee*" (By Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

***CHORAL INTROIT:** "*Seek the Lord*" (By Hal H. Hopson) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** (Adapted from 2 Corinthians 5, Luke 15) / Ron Bayer, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Like a loving Father, God offers us freedom to choose our own path.

(People) In God's freedom, we are a new creation.

(Liturgist) Like a merciful Mother, God offers us compassion when we lose our way.

(People) In God's mercy, we are a new creation.

(Liturgist) Like a forgiving Parent, God welcomes us home with open arms.

(People) In God's embrace, we are a new creation.

(Liturgist) Come! Let us worship the one who makes all things new.

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #172 "My Jesus, I Love Thee"** (By William R. Featherstone; Music by Adoniram J. Gordon) / All (Led by Jennifer Walker; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

**My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

Verse 2

**I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

Verse 3

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

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

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

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Adapted from Luke 15) / All (Led by Pastor Kim)

Merciful God, you seek the lost sheep of your pasture; you call out to all who have strayed. As the father welcomed the prodigal son home, receive us back into your loving arms. Your steadfast love, O God, knows no bounds. Your loving embrace is always there for us. Be with us in our time of worship, that we may feel your presence and know that you are our true home. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "*Give Ear to Our Prayer, O God*" (By Hal H. Hopson) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

CHILDREN'S TIME / Mateo Mamea

INTERLUDE: *"Passacaglia on 'Out of the Depths I Cry to You'"* (By Max Drischner) / Robert Phillips, Organist

***GOSPEL READING Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NRSV) / Ron Bayer, Liturgist**

The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³ So he told them this parable:

^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my

friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "*A Lenten Walk*" (American spiritual, arr. by Hal Hopson) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

SERMON: "SOMETHING WORSE THAN DEATH; SOMETHING BETTER THAN LIFE" / The Rev. J. T. Kim

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #337 "*Only Trust Him*" (By John H. Stockton) / All (Led by Jennifer Walker; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord;
and he will surely give you rest, by trusting in his Word.

Refrain

Only trust him, only trust him,
only trust him now.
He will save you, he will save you,
he will save you now.

Verse 2

For Jesus shed his precious blood rich blessings to bestow;
plunge now into the crimson flood that washes bright as snow.
[Refrain]

Verse 3

Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way that leads you into rest;
believe in him without delay, and you are fully blest.
[Refrain]

Verse 4

**Come then and join this holy band, and on to glory go,
to dwell in that celestial land where joys immortal flow.**

[Refrain]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Joshua 5) / Ron Bayer,
Liturgist

(Liturgist) Our God provides for our bodies, our souls, and our minds. In
thanksgiving and praise, let us bring our gifts to God.

(All) Amen!

HOW TO GIVE / Ron Bayer, Liturgist

Good news! Starting in April we will be getting out the offering plates and inviting
ushers to take the offering. As always, you can continue giving via mail or through
your bank. Thank you for your faithful giving to support our work in the world.



***DOXOLOGY:** #95 "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*" (Words by Thomas
Ken; Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois) / All (Led by Jennifer Walker; 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.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Adapted from 2 Cor 5) / All (Led by Ron Bayer, Liturgist)

Holy One, you provide for us in all ways and at all times. We offer these gifts to you, asking for your blessing upon them, that they bring comfort and healing to your children around the globe. We offer our lives to you, asking for your blessing upon us, that we might be faithful to you, and to one another. In your precious and holy name, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth"** (By Sy Miller and Jill Jackson; harm. By Charles H. Webb) / All (Led by Jennifer Walker; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.**

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***BENEDICTION** (UMCOR Sunday) / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

(Pastor) Go into the world as a representative for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit to share the good news of reconciliation, partnering with God to build up a new creation. Go in peace!

(All) Amen!

(Adapted from Online Resource for the 2022 UMCOR Sunday, www.umc.org)

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

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD / Joseph & Justice Juarez, Acolytes

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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, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 29

Co-Lay Leaders Meeting with Pastor Kim (Conference Room) - 10 am
Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Wednesday, March 30

Parents' Morning Out (PS Room 2) - 9 am
Youth (Youth Center) - 6:30 pm
The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
Lenten Bible Study (Zoom) - 7 pm

Thursday, March 31

Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Sunday, April 3

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship / Holy Communion Sunday (Sanctuary) - 10 am
Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am
Church & Society/Missions (Zoom) - 5 pm

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