



Second Sunday of Easter; Family Sunday with the Response Praise Band
Guest Preacher: The Rev. Jan Ritzau Wiley

Sunday Worship

April 24, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-Person & Online)

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

April 24, 2022: Second Sunday of Easter; Family Sunday

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

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Denotes please stand as you are comfortable.

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

PRELUDE: "River of Life" (By Mac Powell, Ethan Hulse, Jonathan Smith) / The Response

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

***CHORAL INTROIT:** "Christ Is Risen!" (By Jan Sanborn) / The Aldersgate Chorale
(Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION: Kris Lovekin welcomes Rev. Jan Ritzau Wiley,
Guest Preacher

***OPENING HYMN:** "River of Life" (By Mac Powell, Ethan Hulse, Jonathan Smith) / All
(Led by The Response)

Chorus 1

Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river

Guaranteed you'll never be the same

There's a fountain flowing

From the heart of the Savior

Bring your sins and all your guilty stains

Let that river of life wash it all away

Verse 1

If you've been searching
Carrying burdens
If you've been lost and looking for a home
If you've been drifting
And something is missing
You should know that you are not alone

Interlude

(Oh) Come on down to the river
(Oh)

Bridge

Come as you are
No time to waste
Open your heart
Don't be afraid
Jump on in
The water is fine
There's healing in
The river of life

Chorus 2

Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river
Guaranteed you'll never be the same
(REPEAT)

Verse 2

There's a fountain flowing
From the heart of the Savior
Bring your sins and all your guilty stains
By the blood of Jesus everything will change
Let that river of life wash it all away

Ending

(Oh) Come on down to the river
(Oh) Come on down to the river
(Oh) Come on down to the river
(Oh) Let that river of life wash it all away

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 150) / Roger Murray, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Praise the Lord.

(People) Praise God in the sanctuary. Worship God in the mighty firmament.

(Liturgist) Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.

(People) Praise God with trumpet and horn. Worship God with lute and harp.

(Liturgist) Let the people of God sing their praise.

(People) Praise God with tambourine and dance. Worship God with strings and pipes.

(Liturgist) Let the faithful join the strain.

(People) Praise God with clashing cymbals. Praise God with beating drums.

(Liturgist) Praise the Lord!

(All) Amen!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Adapted from Revelation 1)

Eternal God, who was and is and is to come, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end of all things. Come to us now in visions and dreams, that our eyes may see more than they see, and our hearts may love more than they love. Make yourself known to us in this time of worship, for in you, we live and move and have our being. Bring your kingdom here on earth, that all may know your glory and find the courage to face each day. We ask this in the name of the one who conquered the grave to bring us eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "*Amen*" (Danish) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

CHILDREN'S TIME / Mateo Mamea

INTERLUDE: "*King of Glory*" (By Brett Younker, Hank Bentley, Jason Ingram, Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher) / The Response

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 5:27-32 (NRSV) / Roger Murray, Liturgist

²⁷When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of

our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-31 (NRSV) / Roger Murray, Liturgist

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

The Purpose of This Book

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: *"Thine Is the Glory"* (By Michael Burkhardt)/ The Aldersgate Chorale
(Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

SERMON: **"BACK TO THE FUTURE"** / The Rev. Jan Wiley

HYMN OF DEDICATION: #405 *"Seek Ye First"* (Words and Music by Karen Lafferty) / All (The Response)

Verse 1

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

Verse 2

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Psalm 118, John 20) / Roger Murray, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Let us be generous in our giving, that others may see in us the transforming power of God. Let us be lavish in our gifts, that others may draw life from the bounty of God's blessings.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) We invite the ushers forward to take the offering. Thank you for all you do to support your church.



OFFERTORY: *"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"* (By Thomas Gieschen) / Robert Phillips, Organist

***OFFERING SONG:** *"As We Seek Your Face / Jesus, Draw Me Close"* (By Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds) / All (Led by Rev. Bev 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.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Adapted from Revelation 1, John 20) /
All (Led by Roger Murray)

**Alpha and Omega, beginning and end, you are the source of every blessing. We
behold your glory in the skies and touch your mystery all around us. In the
beauty of our awakening, our doubts give way to a deep and abiding joy. In
gratitude for your many mercies, we offer you these gifts and offerings, that they
may be signs of our commitment to live as your faithful disciples. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: #2002 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"** / All (Led by The Response)

I will call upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord

Who is worthy to be praised.

Who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

I will call upon the Lord.

Refrain

**The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.**

LAITY BLESSINGS: Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

***BENEDICTION** / The Rev. Jan Wiley

POSTLUDE: *"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"* (By Dale Wood) / Robert Phillips,
Organist

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

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please contact the church office for more details.

Sunday, April 24

Children's Chime Choir (Youth Center) - 9:30 am

Sunday Worship with Rev. Jan Wiley, Guest Preacher (Sanctuary) - 10 am

Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am

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

Tuesday, April 26

Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm
UWF Citrus Circle (Zoom) - 7 pm

Wednesday, April 27

Parents' Morning Out (PS Room 2) - 9 am
Staff Meeting (Off Campus) - 12:30 pm
Youth (Youth Center) - 6:30 pm
The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 28

Open House - Celebrate Stephanie's Retirement (Office) - 10 am to 2 pm
Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Saturday, April 30

UWF Yard Sale (Front Lawn) - 8:00 am
Church Council/Broken Sheep Committees (Fireside) - 8:30 am

Sunday, May 1

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

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