

Third Sunday of Easter; Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday Worship

May 1, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-Person & Online)

First United Methodist Church of Riverside (https://firstchurchriverside.org)
May 1, 2022: Third Sunday of Easter; Native American Ministries Sunday;
Holy Communion 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 Juarez & Ulises Orozco, Acolytes

PRELUDE: "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" (By Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau and Johann Sebastian Bach) / Robert Phillips, Organist

*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)

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Adapted from Psalm 30) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist (Liturgist) Sing praises to God, you people of faith.

(People) We give thanks to God, who heals and restores.

(Liturgist) Praise God who transforms us, who heals and loves us.

(People) Praise God, who clothes us with joy.

(Liturgist) Do not be silent. Praise the Lord!

(All) We give thanks to our God, today and always. Amen!

*OPENING HYMN: #304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" (Words: William M. James; Music: Henry T. Smart) / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

Verse 1

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring. Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring. Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Verse 2

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below. For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe. Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Verse 3

Every day to us is Easter with its resurrection song. When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong. Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

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 (Adapted from Rev 5, Ps 30, John 21)

God of Life, we gather this day with the victory bells of Easter still ringing in our ears. We come joyfully this day to celebrate your power and glory, your wisdom and might. May we remain faithful to your call to follow Jesus, secure in your promise: that life will triumph over death, that hope will triumph over despair, and that love will triumph over fear. We lift our grateful hearts to you. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S TIME / Mateo Mamea

*GOSPEL READING: John 21:1-19 (NRSV) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

- ¹ After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- ⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- ⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?"

And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished.

But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ! (All) Glory to You, O Christ! Amen!

ANTHEM: "The Word of Life" (Words by John L. Bell, arr. by Joel Raney) / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

SERMON: "THE LAST BREAKFAST" / The Rev. J. T. Kim (Sermon song "The Commission" by CAIN)

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #318 "Christ Is Alive" (Words by Brian Wren; Music: *Psalmodia Evangelica*) / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Verse 2

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, he comes to claim the here and now and dwell in every place and time.

Verse 3

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

Verse 4

In every insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, he suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Verse 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Acts 5, Ps 150, Rev 1, John 20) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) We have been called to be witnesses to our faith. We have been called to do so with joy and praise. With hearts full of thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us commit ourselves and our resources to enable the church to be that fearless witness.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (By Austin C. Lovelace) / Robert Phillips, Organist

*DOXOLOGY: #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Words by Thomas Ken; Music: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois) / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; 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 Revelation 5, John 21) / All (Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist)

O God, you have power and wisdom and might. You deserve honor and glory. We come to you, Holy One, blessed by your abundant life, to offer ourselves as your faithful workers. We bring our gifts this day, trusting that they will serve your people. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Adapted from Psalm 30, Revelation 5, John 21) (Pastor) God be with you.

(Congregation) And also with you.

(Pastor) Rejoice and be glad.

(Congregation) We praise God with joy.

(Pastor) Thanks be to God!

(All) We thank God with our whole hearts!

(Pastor) We join with every creature in heaven and on earth, every creature under the earth and in the sea, to sing your praises. You created all that is, bringing forth goodness and new life. You are at work in our world still, transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those who mourn. Your people were not always faithful. They followed their own desires, lashing out in anger, forgetting those in need. You sent prophets to call them back to your paths, reminding them of your love, and telling them to care for one another. You were always faithful, for you loved your people.

And so, we join all creation as we sing praise to you:

(All Singing)

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastor) You gave us Jesus to walk with us and to show us your love. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your ways. He showed us the abundance of your love and reminded us to share it with others.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, telling them to love one another. He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to them, saying, "This is my very being. When you eat this, remember that I am with you." He took the cup, blessed it, and gave it, saying, "This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out in abundance for you and for all people. As you drink this, remember that I am with you."

And so, we offer our very selves, with glad and grateful hearts, as we proclaim this mystery:

(All Singing)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(Pastor) Send your spirit of abundant love upon these gifts of the earth, bread and wine. Transform them, by the power of your grace, into food for our bodies and nourishment for our souls. Send your Spirit upon us, and transform us by the power of your Wisdom, that we may become the body of Christ, feeding his lambs, and tending to his sheep. All praise is yours, God of power and might, wisdom and honor, glory and blessing. All praise is yours, now and forever.

(All Singing)

Amen, Amen, Amen,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

(All) Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

GIVING & SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Pastor) For those who are here in person, you are invited to come forward to take communion elements with two options: (1) you can take the communion in a traditional way. Take a piece of Bread and dip it into the Cup, then eat it. (2) Or you can simply take a "Fellowship Cup," which includes both elements, from the basket and eat it in your seat. It's your choice.

For those who are at home, via online or telephone, please take your own Bread and Cup now at your home.

COMMUNION MUSIC: "Our Savior Now Has Come to Us" (By Dietrich Buxtehude and Donald Johns) / Robert Phillips, Organist

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

*SENDING HYMN: #308 "Thine Be the Glory" (Words by Edmond L. Budry; Music: *Harmonia Sacra*; arr. from G. F. Handel) / All (Led by Phil Bremenstuhl; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

Verse 1

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Verse 2

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. [Refrain]

Verse 3

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love, bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION / The Rev. J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE: "Toccata on 'Regent Square'" (By Lani Smith) / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please contact the church office for more details.

Sunday, May 1

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

Monday, May 2

Trustees (Zoom) – 7 pm Worship Committee (Zoom) – 7 pm

Tuesday, May 3

Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Wednesday, May 4

Parents' Morning Out (PS Room 2) – 9 am Youth (Youth Center) – 6:30 pm The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 5

Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) – 7 pm

Sunday, May 8

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) – 9:30 am Sunday Worship / Mother's Day (Sanctuary) – 10 am Children's Sunday School (Fellowship Hall) - 10:15 am UMM Meeting (Zoom) – 11:30 am

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