



*Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion;
Independence Day Sunday*

Sunday Worship

July 3, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-Person & Online)

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

4th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Holy Communion Sunday

Independence Day Sunday

ALL ARE WELCOME TO WORSHIP IN-PERSON OR ONLINE AT 10:00 a.m.

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

(Audio Only: To listen to Sunday Livestreaming – Call 1-877-755-5136)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

***Please stand as you are comfortable.**

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

PRELUDE: “Prelude on ‘Dennis’” by David Paxton / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 30) / Yvonne Flagg, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

(People) Sing praises to our God. Give thanks to the Lord of hosts.

(L) God’s anger may flash for a moment, but God’s favor lasts a lifetime.

(All) Sing praises to the Lord. Worship the God of our salvation. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** “And Are We Yet Alive” #553 / Rev. Bev Devine, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

And are we yet alive and see each other's face?

Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

Verse 2

Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,

again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.

Verse 3

What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

Verse 4

Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford' and hides our life above.

Verse 5

Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

Verse 6

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

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

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) / All (Led by Pastor Kim)

Almighty God, you rule all the peoples of the earth. Inspire the minds of all women and men to whom you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Give to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive our shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see and love the truth. We pray all these things through Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Adapted from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*, #442, "Independence Day," written by Andy Lanford)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE / Sarah Overton-Fraser

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Kings 5:1-14 (NRSV)

The Healing of Naaman

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.

³She said to her mistress, 'If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.' ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, 'Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel.' He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.

⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, 'When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy.' ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, 'Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.'

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, 'Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.' ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, 'Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean.' ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, 'I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?' He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, 'Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, "Wash, and be clean"?' ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

SERMON: "GOD'S BLESSINGS & BREAKTHROUGHS" (*Flood Gates Sermon Series* – Flood Gate #2: "Breakthrough Prayer Initiative") / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Near to the Heart of God" #472**

Verse 1

**There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.**

Refrain

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.**

Verse 2

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

Verse 3

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Liturgist) Weeping may last the night, but joy comes with the morning. God has turned our tears into shouts of thanksgiving. Let us be grateful for the many blessings in our lives, as we collect today's offering.

(All) Amen!

OFFERTORY: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" by Alec Wyton

***DOXOLOGY:** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken / #95
**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 Luke 10)

Bountiful God, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. May the offerings we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to labor in your vineyard. May the gifts we share with the world reflect our commitment to bring your kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

INTERLUDE: "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris / Rev. Bev Devine

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

(Congregation) And also with you.

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

(Congregation) We lift them up to the Lord.

(Pastor) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(All) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All Singing)

**Holy, 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) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand. On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Singing)

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

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

(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 from the Pastor 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, come forward to be blessed, and eat it in your seat. It's your choice.

COMMUNION MUSIC: "Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen" by Donald Johns and Charles Callahan

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

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LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** "It Is Well with My Soul / #377

Verse 1

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

Verse 3

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**

**4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa, arranged by E. Power Biggs

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



**You are invited to submit names requesting prayer:
Family of Bill Kerrick
Mary Herrmann**

*We will list them here, and they will remain for 3 months. To add names or remove names
please contact our church office. 951-683-7831*

We are grateful for the Worship/Media Team members who have served today:

*Organist: Robert Phillips
Hymn Leader: Rev. Bev Devine
Children's Time: Sarah Overton-Fraser
Sermon: Rev. J. T. Kim
Altar Décor: The Décor Team
Head Usher: Matt Gorder
Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann
Media/Livestream Team: Dan, Carmen and Gayla Lonsbery, Don Knowles*

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 3

Worship / 10 a.m.

Monday, July 4

Church Office Closed

City Fireworks Display (FUMCOR Parking Lot \$5) – 6 p.m.

Tuesday, July 5

Celebration of Life for Bill Kerrick (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Reception (Fellowship Hall) - following the Kerrick Celebration

Wednesday, July 6

UWF Executive Committee (Zoom) - 1 p.m.

Saturday, July 9

Organ Concert “Firebrands & Revolutionaries” (Sanctuary) - 3 p.m.

Stained Glass Windows Tour (Sanctuary) - following the Organ Concert

Sunday, July 10

Worship (Sanctuary) – 10 a.m.

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