



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Prayer-Walking Sunday

Sunday Worship

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

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

July 24, 2022: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Prayer-Walking 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: "Spirit of the Living God" by Robert Phillips/Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 85, Luke 11) / Jennifer Mahl, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Come to worship the God of our salvation.

(People) God's goodness has called us here.

(L) Seek, and you will find.

(P) With joy, we sing of Christ's steadfast love.

(L) Knock, and the door will be opened for you.

(P) Here, steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

(L) Ask, and it shall be given to you.

(P) Here, righteousness and peace kiss.

(L) Come to worship the God of our salvation.

(All) God's goodness has called us here. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #393** "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson / All / Led by Kris Lovekin

Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me.
Melt me, mold me,
Fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God,
Fall fresh on me

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

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER:
Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Adapted from Luke 11)

Sustaining God, grant us this day the blessings of your faithfulness and your grace. Where there is hunger, give us bread. Where there is thirst, give us cool water to drink. Where there is loneliness, give us friendship. Forgive our transgressions and our errant ways, as we forgive those who transgress against us. Where we have wronged another, guide us into reconciliation. And where we have been wronged, guide us on the journey of forgiveness. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Lyn Knowles

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:41-47 (NRSV)

The First Believers Become the First Church

⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

SOLO INTERLUDE: “Hymn of Grateful Praise (For the Beauty of the Earth)” by Sally DeFord / Kris Lovekin, Soloist

SERMON: “WHAT IS YOUR STORY?” (*Flood Gates* Sermon Series: Flood Gate #5: “Conflux Moments”) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #369 “Blessed Assurance” (Vss. 1 & 3) / All**
Verse 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Verse 3

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.
(Refrain)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Liturgist) God has called us to be generous in loving and sharing. Let us express our gratitude and love to God by giving our selves, our lives, and our gifts.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to collect our offering.

Offertory: “Gavotte” by Samuel Wesley

***DOXOLOGY: #95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” by Thomas Ken**
/All

**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 Amos 8, Psalm 52, Luke 10)
Most loving God, most welcoming God, we bring these gifts to you, knowing that you will use them according to your purposes. We dedicate ourselves to your way, to challenge the worldly values that are so prevalent in your world today. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS: Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

INVITATION TO A PRAYER WALK

- Kris Lovekin: School Supplies
- Loretta Cudney: Hospitality Group
- Cindy Qualtieri: Games
- Greg Laird: Set-up and Take-Down
- Lyn Knowles: Snacks & Snack Servers
- Yvonne Flagg: Congregation

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION:** (Adapted from Ps 85, Col 2)

(Pastor) Go forth as God's faithful ones, showing love and kindness to all.

(Congregation) We will scatter seeds of righteousness and peace, that God's kingdom may bloom anew.

(P) Go forth and grow strong with Christ as the root and the foundation of your lives.

(C) We will bloom in the faith God has given us – a faith that springs forth to bless the world.

(P) Go with God!

(All) Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare (Op. 9, No. 6)" by Hermann Schroeder

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



**Chris & Cindy Jensen w/serious health problems (Margie Bailod),
Bill Kerrick's family, Jim & Genette Sizer, Jim Ashworth, Sigmar & Deborah Hofmann**

You are invited to submit names requesting prayers. We will list them here, and they will remain for 3 months.

To add names or remove names, please contact our church office.

fumc@FirstChurchRiverside.org 951-683-7831

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

Organist: Robert Phillips

Liturgist: Jennifer Mahl

Soloist and Hymn Leader: Kris Lovekin

Children's Time: Lyn Knowles

Laity Blessings: Loretta Cudney, Co-Lay Leader

Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann

Altar Décor: The Décor Team

Head Usher: Matt Gorder

*Media/Livestream Team: Dan, Carmen,
and Gayla Lonsbery; Don Knowles*



THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please contact the church office for more details.

Sunday, July 24

Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Prayer-Walking for "Bye-Bye Summer Bash" (Event to be held on Saturday, 7/30) -
(Patio) - 10:50 a.m.

Saturday, July 30

"Bye-Bye Summer Bash" Event (Front Lawn, Patio, & Fellowship Hall) - 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Sunday, July 31

Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Music Copyright License Information

Prelude: "Spirit of the Living God" by Robert Phillips. ©1935 Birdwing Music, CCLI Song #23488, CCLI License #11231812.

Opening Hymn: "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson. @ 1935, 1963 Moody Bible Institute. CCLI Song #23488, CCLI License #11231812.

Interlude Solo: "Hymn of Grateful Praise (For the Beauty of the Earth)" by Sally DeFord. Arrangement ©2015 by Sally DeFord. Permission for performance and livestreaming granted by Sally DeFord Music, www.defordmusic.com.

Hymn of Dedication: "Blessed Assurance" by Fanny Jane Crosby. Public Domain.

Offertory: "Gavotte" by Samuel Wesley. Public Domain.

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Louis Bourgeois & Thomas Ken. Public Domain.

Postlude: "Fanfare (Op. 9, No. 6)" by Hermann Schroeder. ©1932 B. Schott & Söhne, Mainz, OneLicense Song #113775, OneLicense #A735776.