



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday

Sunday Worship

August 7, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-Person & Online)

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

9th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Holy Communion 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 / Justice and Joseph Juarez / Acolytes

PRELUDE: “In Heavenly Love Abiding” by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Ps 50, Luke 12) / Tina Rajaratnam, Liturgist

(Liturgist) From the rising of the sun to its setting . . .

(People) God speaks, summoning us.

(L) In the perfection of the beauty all around us . . .

(P) God shines forth, illuminating our hearts.

(L) Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice, and those who go the right way, honor God.

(P) They shall receive salvation from our God.

(L) Those who worship God with acts of love and mercy. . .

(P) God is pleased to give them the kingdom.

(L) Come! Let our worship be justice and righteousness.

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Thomas O. Chisholm / Led by Jennifer Walker**

Verse 1

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

Verse 2

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. *Refrain***

Verse 3

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

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

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Adapted from Isa 1, Luke 12) / All

Mighty God, dress us for action in a world that needs us to care. You promise that if we turn from our selfish ways, we shall eat of the good of the land, but if we refuse and rebel, we will reap what we sow. Your care and compassion call to us. Your mercy and grace reach out to us. We know it is your good pleasure to give us the kingdom. As we light candles for worship, light your passion within us, that our true worship may be acts of justice and works of righteousness. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME / Ruth Walker

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV)**

Where Your Treasure Is

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

INTERLUDE: "Let the Whole Creation Cry" by Robert Leaf / Duet by Jennifer Walker and Joshua Ponnuraju

SERMON: "CAPTIVATING OR BORING?" (*Flood Gates Sermon Series: Flood Gate #7 "The Missiactical Church"*) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #3040 "You Are My All in All" by Dennis Jernigan / ALL**

Verse 1

You are my strength when I am weak. You are the treasure that I seek.

You are my all in all.

Seeking you as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool.

You are my all in all.

Refrain

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.

Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.

Verse 2

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame, rising again I bless your name,

You are my all in all.

When I fall down you pick me up. When I am dry you fill my cup.

You are my all in all.

Refrain

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Luke 12)

(Liturgist) Where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. As we collect our tithes and offerings, let us bring the treasure of our love.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Rebecca Groom te Velde

***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 (Luke 12)**

God of grace and God of glory, as we offer these earthly treasures back to you, transform our gifts into your love and mercy by the power of your Holy Spirit. May these gifts be signs that our true treasure is from above – the treasure of justice and righteousness for your children everywhere. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

(9th Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2022)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

(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 AND 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.

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

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 / Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #405 "Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty**

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!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by John Innes

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



Chris & Cindy Jensen w/serious health problems (Margie Baillod),
Family of Bill Kerrick, Jim & Genette Sizer, Jim Ashworth,
Bill Wolter, Barbara Jo Wilson, Family of Deborah Hofmann,
Family of Georgia Miller

*You are invited to submit names requesting prayer:
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
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Liturgist: Tina Rajaratnam
Hymn Leader: Jennifer Walker
Children's Time: Ruth Walker
Interlude Duet: Jennifer Walker and Joshua Ponnuraju
Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin
Head Usher: Matt Gorder
Altar Décor: The Décor Team
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THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 7

Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Tuesday, August 9

Faith & Fellowship (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

SPRC (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 14

Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

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