



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; 150th Church Anniversary Sunday
A Worship Service of Gratitude & Celebration



October 16, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-Person, Online, & PhoneLiveStreaming)

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

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

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE: “Prelude and Fugue in A Minor” by Charles Wesley, Jr./Robert Phillips,
Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***OPENING PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #89 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” / All** (Led
by Rev. Bev Devine)

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

***PROCESSION** / Acolytes, the Aldersgate Chorale, and Worship Leaders

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Julia Zeeb, Acolyte

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 95) / Robert Nelson, Liturgist

(Liturgist) O come, let us sing to the Lord;

(People) let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

(L) Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

(P) let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

(L) For the Lord is a great God,

(P) and a great King above all gods.

(L) In his hand are the depths of the earth;

(P) the heights of the mountains are his also.

(L) The sea is his, for he made it,

(P) and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

(L) O come, let us worship and bow down,

(P) let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

(L) For he is our God,

(All) and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Amen!

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

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

50 Years (or more) of Membership Recognition

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (Church Anniversary) / **All** (Led by Pastor J. T. Kim)

(Pastor) This is an important day in the life of our church, O God, and we hope to honor you by remembering it.

(Congregation) You have blessed this congregation for the past 150 years, and our lives are richer and better because of it.

(P) We have worshipped here, found comfort here, baptized our children here, married here, and buried our dead from here.

(C) This church has been extremely significant in our social and spiritual journeys. O God, we praise you for its existence.

(P) Teach us, we pray, to have a profound respect for its history and its place in this community.

(C) Help us to reconsecrate ourselves as the stewards of your grace in this church and recommit ourselves to the gospel of Christ.

(P) Refresh us for our journey as a congregation and make us open to your will in all things.

(C) Send your Holy Spirit upon us again, that we may be revived as a church and may undertake important roles in the year ahead.

(All) For you are the God of our salvation, and Giver of hope, and the Center of all love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from "Church Anniversary," written by John Killinger, God's People at Prayer, Abingdon Press)

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Give Ear to Our Prayer, O God" by Hal H. Hopson /The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmonds, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1-8 (NRSV)**

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to You, O Christ!

ANTHEM: "Look at the World" by John Rutter

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST PREACHER / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

SERMON: "150 YEARS OF PERSISTENCE" / The Rev. Dr. Siosaia "Saia" F. Tu'itahi, East District Superintendent, Guest Preacher

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #545 "The Church's One Foundation" / All**

Verse 1

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

Verse 2

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

Verse 5

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Luke 18)

(Liturgist) Even as God invites us to bring our needs in prayer, God also invites us to bring our gifts in service to the world. Let us bring our gifts with as much tenacity and courage as we bring our needs and prayers before God.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to collect our offerings

OFFERTORY: “Chorale and Ornamented Chorale from ‘Partita on Hymn to Joy’” by Charles Callahan

***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 18) / All**
Mighty God, bestow your power and strength on these gifts we now return to you. Multiply them as they go forth to serve your church and your world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #698** “God of the Ages” by Daniel C. Roberts

Verse 1

God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

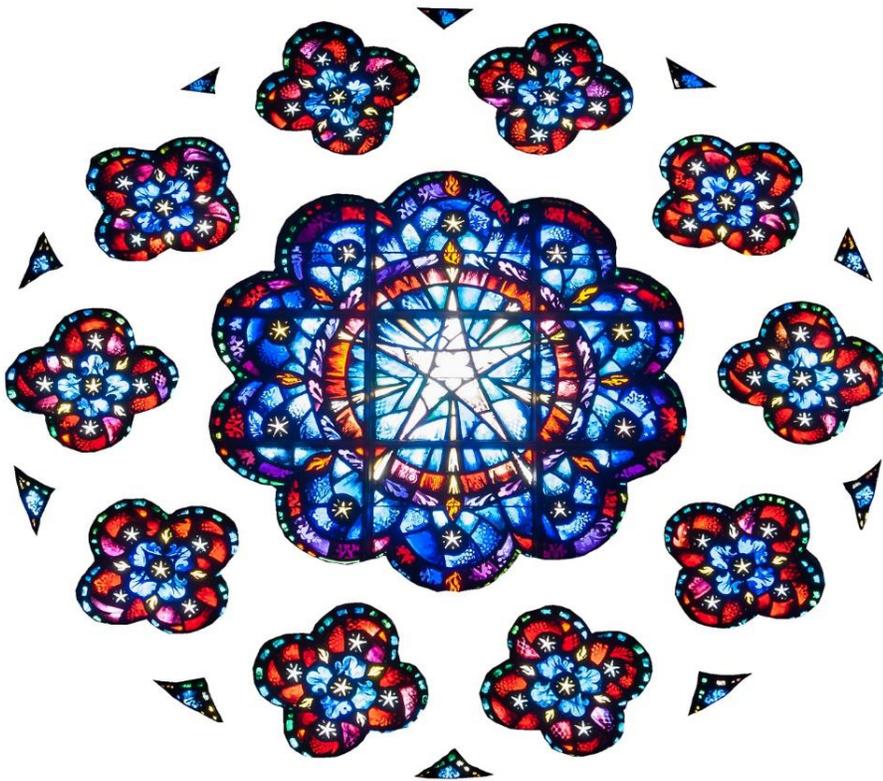
Verse 4

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

***BENEDICTION /** The Rev. Dr. Siosaia “Saia” F. Tu'itahi

Please remain seated in the sanctuary for the
Celebrations & Blessings
that will immediately follow the
Worship Service

David Fraser and Sarah Overton-Fraser
will be our Masters of Ceremonies



Our Celebration Luncheon and Fellowship
will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Everyone is invited!



Bill Kerrick's family, Jim Ashworth,
Deborah Hofmann's family, Georgia Miller's family, Debby Yokum Harris,
Mary Herrmann, Chandra Roberts, Barbara Jo Wilson,
Benjamin Manacop, Moonyeen (Manacop) Fernando,
Derrick Austin, Myra Williams' family, Donald Greywood,
Linda Rydzik, Jim Sizer, Keye's family, Jonathon & Melissa Williams family

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

*Organist: Robert Phillips
Acolyte: Julia Zeeb
Liturgist: Bob Nelson
Hymn Leader: Rev. Bev Devine
Choir Director: Yvonne Flagg
Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale
Children's Moment: Lucinda Edmunds
Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Siosaia "Saia" F. Tu'itahi, Guest Preacher
Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader
Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann
Altar Décor: The Décor Team
Head Usher: Matt Gorder
Media/Livestream Team: Don Knowles,
Dan, Carmen, and Gayla Lonsbery*

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please contact the church office for more details.

Sunday, October 16

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 a.m.

Worship - 150th Anniversary Celebration Sunday (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Anniversary Celebrations (Sanctuary) - 11 a.m.

Anniversary Luncheon Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) - 11:30 a.m.

Preschool Tour (Preschool) - 1 p.m.

Stained-Glass Windows Tour (Sanctuary) - 1 p.m.

Monday, October 17

Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 5:30 p.m.

Christian Education Meeting (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 18

Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19

Bible Study / Stewardship (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Thursday, October 20

UWif Bible Study/Book Study "Made for This Moment" (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 p.m.

Sunday, October 23

Children's Chime Choir (Fellowship Hall) - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Commitment/Pledge Sunday/ Stewardship Sermon (2 of 2) (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

Church and Society/Missions (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 a.m.

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