



*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

# Commitment Sunday Worship

*October 23, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-Person, Online, & PhoneLiveStreaming)*

[First United Methodist Church of Riverside](https://firstchurchriverside.org)

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

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES** / Hannah and Gabriel Arguelles, Acolytes

**PRELUDE:** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Gordon Young / Robert Phillips, Organist

**\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*CHORAL INTROIT:** "Sing for Joy" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale  
(Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips, Organist)

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Joel 2, Luke 18) / John McDonald, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) The Spirit is here,

**(People) bringing vision and hope for our world.**

(L) Christ lifts us up,

**(P) welcoming us with loving arms.**

(L) God showers the earth,

**(P) nourishing all creation with grace.**

(L) Sense the Spirit moving within and among us.

**(P) Feel Christ's presence healing and blessing us.**

(L) As we gather in worship this day,

**(All) we receive the showering love of God. Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #158** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Christian Henry Bateman / All / Led by Yvonne Flagg

**Verse 1**

**Come, Christians, join to sing:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
loud praise to Christ our King:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**Verse 2**

**Come, lift your hearts on high:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end:  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**Verse 3**

**Praise yet the Lord again:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore:  
Alleluia! Amen!**

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

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Luke 18)

(Pastor) Sisters and brothers in Christ, claim your identity as a beloved one of God.  
Live out your identity as a steward of God's kingdom! Peace be with you!  
**(All) Peace be with you!**

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer

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 forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" (Dresden) / The Aldersgate Chorale

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Pastor Kim

INTERLUDE: "Rejoice and Be Glad" by Jason W. Krug / The Allegro Ringers

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:23-25 (NRSV)**

*If Any Want to Become My Followers*

**<sup>23</sup> Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?"**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "Praise to the Lord, for the Lord Is Good" by Ellen Woods Bryce

SERMON: "REMEMBER YOUR IDENTITY" (Stewardship Sermon #2: Based on *Defying Gravity*, Chapter 4: "When We Get It Right") / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #298 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Isaac Watts / All**

### Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Verse 2

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT / Kris Lovekin

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from Joel 2, Psalm 65)

(Liturgist) God has dealt wonderfully with us. We have what we need. Now we are called to share from our abundance to support the work of God through this church. May we give gladly, however great or small, to thank God for our call to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "I Am Thine, O Lord" by Fanny Crosby

**\*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 Joel 2)

**God, we are so grateful that you name and claim us as your beloved ones. We thank you with all our hearts for the cleansing rain in our souls. And so we offer you what we have: our resources, our time, our energy, our very selves for your ministry in the world. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

**\*SENDING HYMN: #419 "I Am Thine, O Lord" by Harold DeCou / All**

**Verse 1**

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to thee.

**Refrain**

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.

**Verse 2**

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine.  
(Refrain)

**Verse 4**

There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with thee.  
(Refrain)

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Carolyn Hamlin**

**CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD**

Georgia Miller's family, Debby Yokum Harris, Mary Herrmann, Chandra Roberts, Benjamin Manacop, Moonyeen (Manacop) Fernando, Derrick Austin, Myra Williams family, Donald Greywood, Barbara Jo Wilson, Linda Rydzik, Jim Sizer, Keyes family, Jonathon & Melissa Williams family, Peggy Stepe (mother's death), Mack and Elizabeth Davis (health and loss).

*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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***In Gratitude***

*Thank you for all who have faithfully served in Worship today!*

*Organist: Robert Phillips*

*Acolytes: Hannah and Gabriel Arguelles*

*Liturgist: John McDonald*

*Choir Director and Hymn Leader: Yvonne Flagg*

*Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale*

*Bell Director: Gayla Lonsbery*

*Interlude: The Allegro Ringers*

*Children's Message: Pastor Kim*

*Stewardship Moment/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**

##### **Sunday, October 23**

Worship/Commitment Sunday (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Sunday School (Club Ark & Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

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

##### **Monday, October 24**

Nominations Committee (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

##### **Tuesday, October 25**

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

UWiF Citrus Circle (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

##### **Wednesday, October 26**

U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Wednesday Nights (Mary's Kitchen) - 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study/ "The Bible Year" (Day 299: Acts 5:17-7:60) (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

##### **Thursday, October 27**

UWiF "Made for This Moment" Study (Zoom) - 6:45 p.m.

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

##### **Saturday, October 29**

"Bats in Our Belfry" Halloween Organ Concert (Sanctuary) - 7 p.m.

##### **Sunday, October 30**

Worship/Laity Sunday (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Sunday School - (Club Ark & Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

Halloween Hop (Fellowship Hall) - 5 p.m.

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