



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Stewardship Sunday Worship

October 9, 2022, 10 a.m. (In-Person & Online)

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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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

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

*CHORAL INTROIT: "This Is the Day" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale
(Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Stewardship Sunday) / Jennifer Mahl, Liturgist
(Liturgist) All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, so thank our God

(People) For joy in living

(L) And patience in trouble;

(P) For rainbows after clouds

(L) And moonlight on the darkest night;

(P) For wisdom to walk the right path

(L) And peace to calm anxious worry;

(P) For birthday surprises

(L) And things in all sizes.

(P) All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,

(L) So let your song arise and give thanks for all God's love.

(All) Amen!

(Adapted from Stewardship Sunday Resources, Homiletics Online)

***OPENING HYMN: #140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Thomas Chisholm /Led by Phil Bremenstuhl / All**

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 & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Stewardship Sunday) / All (Led by Pastor J. T. Kim)

Giver of all good things, we praise your name this day!

You have given us all that we need, and we are a thankful people.

We are mindful, too, that we continue to grasp for more and more - because this is the definition of success in our world.

We pray for each of us, because we do not allow enough of you in our lives.
May we learn simplicity and the freedom that simple living brings.
May we not be tied to our belongings, but live in the joy of giving so that others might have enough.
Help us to see beyond ourselves and our resentments to find you;
for in finding you, we become new persons, knowing that we have all that we need.
Teach us stewardship of our earth, our money, our possessions, we pray, so that we might become open to a path closer to your heart.

Amen.

(Adapted from "Stewardship Sunday" resource, *Homiletics Online*)

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Give Ear to Our Prayer, O God" by Hal H. Hopson

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

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 19:16-26 (CEB)**

A Rich Young Man's Question

¹⁶ A man approached him and said, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to have eternal life?" ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There's only one who is good. If you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments."

¹⁸ The man said, "Which ones?" Then Jesus said, "Don't commit murder. Don't commit adultery. Don't steal. Don't give false testimony. ¹⁹ Honor your father and mother, and love your neighbor as you love yourself." ²⁰ The young man replied, "I've kept all these. What am I still missing?" ²¹ Jesus said, "If you want to be complete, go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. And come follow me." ²² But when the young man heard this, he went away saddened, because he had many possessions.

Teaching about Giving up Things

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "I assure you that it will be very hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ In fact, it's easier for a camel to squeeze through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter God's kingdom." ²⁵ When his disciples heard this, they were stunned. "Then who can be saved?" they asked. ²⁶ Jesus looked at them carefully and said, "It's impossible for human beings. But all things are possible for God."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "A Jubilant Song" by Allen Pote / The Aldersgate Chorale and The Allegro Ringers

SERMON: "DISCOVERING GRAVITY" (Stewardship Sermon #1: Based on *Defying Gravity*, Chapter 1) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #369 "Blessed Assurance"** by Fanny J. Crosby / **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 2

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

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 (Adapted from Matthew 19; Mark 10)
(Liturgist) Jesus challenged the rich man to sell what he had and give to the poor.
He challenges us today to be generous in our giving, trusting God's provision for our lives.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "All Glory Be to God on High" by Johann Gottfried Walther

***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 Matthew 19; Mark 10)
Generous God, we bring you our gifts today. We recognize that all we have comes from you. May these gifts bring hope to places of pain and need. We want to be followers of Jesus, who leads us from greed into service. We offer ourselves. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS: Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

**INVITATION TO A PRAYER WALK
FOR OUR 150th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

(While singing the Sending Hymn, everyone is invited to leave the sanctuary and to gather around the fountain in the patio by making a circle)

***SENDING HYMN: #186 "Alleluia" by Jerry Sinclair**

Verse 1

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Verse 2

He's my Savior...

Verse 3

I will praise Him...

***PRAYER WALK**

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

(Pastor) Go forth in peace. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

(All) Amen!



**Bill Kerrick's family, Jim & Genette Sizer, 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**

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/Accompanist: Robert Phillips

Liturgist: Jennifer Mahl

Hymn Leader: Phil Bremenstuhl

Choir Director: Yvonne Flagg

Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale and The Allegro Ringers

Children's Moment: Lucinda Edmunds

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 9

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

Worship (Stewardship Sermon 1 of 2) (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Children's Church School (Club Ark & Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

UMM Luncheon - George Callow, Speaker on Security (Fellowship Hall) - 11 a.m.

Monday, October 10

Nominations Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 11

SPRC Meeting (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

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

Wednesday, October 12

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

U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Night (Youth Room) - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 13

UMiF "Out to Lunch" (Back Street) - 11:00 a.m.

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

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) - 1:00 p.m.

Monday, October 17

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

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