



Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday Worship

November 20, 2022, 10 a.m. *(In-Person, Online, & PhoneLiveStreaming)*

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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Lilly and Julia Zeeb, Acolytes

PRELUDE: “We Gather Together” by Healey Willan / 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)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 100) / Lynn Wright, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

(People) Worship the Lord with gladness.

(L) Come into God’s presence with singing.

(P) Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving.

(L) Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

(All) God’s steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** “He Reigns” by Peter Furler and Steve Taylor / All (Led by The Response Praise Band)

Verse 1

It's the song of the redeemed,
Rising from the African plain.
It's the song of the forgiven,
Drowning out the Amazon rain,
The song of Asian believers
Filled with God's holy fire.
It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation,
A love song born of a grateful choir.
 It's all God's children singing,
 "Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 He reigns, he reigns!" (Repeat)

Verse 2

Let it rise above the four winds,
Caught up in the heavenly sound.
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
To the faithful gathered underground.
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation,
Some were meant to persist.
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples,
None rings truer than this.
 It's all God's children singing,
 "Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 He reigns, he reigns!" (Repeat)

Verse 3

And all the powers of darkness
Tremble at what they've just heard,
'Cause all their powers of darkness
Can't drown out a single word.
 It's all God's children singing,
 "Glory, glory, hallelujah!
 He reigns, he reigns!" (Repeat)

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Pastor) As we celebrate God's bounty in our lives, let us give thanks for the blessings of friendship of friends and family. Now let us share this thanksgiving by sharing signs of Christ's peace with one another this day. Peace be with you!
(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Adapted from Deut. 26, Ps 100, John 6)

Gracious Lord, creator of all, giver of life, we praise you! We worship you in humility and gratitude. Surrounded by your love and care – we live and breathe, we laugh and cry, we labor and rest. When our souls faint within us, you satisfy our hunger with the bread of life, and satisfy our thirst with living water. With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the unselfish bounty you have bestowed upon us! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen," Dresden

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lyn Knowles

INTERLUDE: "Psalm of Gratitude" by Jason W. Krug / The Allegro Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV) / Liturgist

Rejoice in the Lord Always

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God.

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM "Now Thank We All Our God" by David N. Johnson

SERMON: "THE BLESSING OF GRATITUDE" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Give Thanks" by Henry Smith / All**

Chorus

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son. (Repeat Chorus)**

Verse

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us." (Repeat Verse)**

Chorus

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son. (Repeat Chorus)**

Verse

**And now let the weak say, "I am strong."
Let the poor say, "I am rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us." (Repeat Verse)
Ending: Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Jeremiah 23) / Liturgist
(Liturgist) The God who shepherds us, comforts us, and provides for us is the one
owed our thanks and gratitude. In deep humility, let us bring our offerings to God.
(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" by Rebecca Groom te Velde

***DOXOLOGY: "As We Seek Your Face / Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh
and Rick Founds / Led by Kris Lovekin / All**

**As we seek your face, may we know your heart;
Feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.
For I desire to worship and obey.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / Liturgist / All**

Almighty Christ, you gave us the gift of yourself. Now we offer these gifts to you, asking that you bless them and use them to share your kingdom with all. In your name we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" by Rick Doyle Founds**

**Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.
(REPEAT ALL)**

Instrumental

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

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Lord, I lift your name on high. (Repeat)

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Philippians 4)

(Pastor) Worry not, but in everything you do, make your requests known to God.

(People) We go in prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving and shouts of joy.

(Pastor) May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

(All) Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Postlude on 'Now Thank We All Our God'" by Charles Callahan

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



Chandra Roberts, Harriet Wilkin family, Debby Yokum Harris,
Jim and Genette Sizer, Barbara Jo Wilson,
Benjamin Manacop, Moonin Manacop, Derrick Austin,
Myra Williams family, Donald Greywood, Mike Conlin,
Linda Rydzik, Jonathon Williams family,
Mack and Elizabeth Davis, Peggy Stepe,
David and Loretta Cudney,
Family of William "Bill" Wolter,
Brad Austin, Isaac Ruiz

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: Lillian and Julia Zeeb

Liturgist: Lynn Wright

Hymn Leaders: The Response Praise Band

Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale

Choir Director: Yvonne Flagg

Interlude: The Allegro Ringers

Bell Director: Gayla Lonsbery

Children's Moment: Lyn Knowles

Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin, Co-Lay Leader

Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann

Altar Décor: The Décor Team

Head Usher: Matt Gorder

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Dan, Carmen, and Gayla Lonsbery

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please contact the church office for more details.

Sunday, November 20

Wesley UMC/FUMCOR "Giving Tree" in Narthex - 9 a.m.

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

Worship - Thanksgiving/Christ the King Sunday (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

Children/Youth Christmas Video Rehearsal (Club Ark and Nursery) - 11:15 a.m.

Broken Sheep Shepherd's Training (Fellowship Hall) - 11:15 a.m.

Church and Society Meeting (Zoom) - 5 p.m.

Monday, November 21

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

Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving - Monday - Friday

Tuesday, November 22

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

Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving - Monday - Friday

Wednesday, November 23

Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving - Monday - Friday

Thursday, November 24

Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving - Monday - Friday

Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, November 25

Preschool Closed for Thanksgiving - Monday - Friday

Church Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

Sunday, November 27

Wesley UMC/FUMCOR "Giving Tree" in Narthex - 9 a.m.

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

Worship - First Sunday of Advent / HOPE (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

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

Christmas Brunch (Faith and Fellowship hosts) - 11:00 a.m.

All Church Conference (Sanctuary) - 4 p.m.

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