



Sunday Worship

II: "DO NOT MAKE AN IDOL FOR YOURSELF"

January 22, 2023, 10 a.m.

(In-Person, Online, & PhoneLiveStreaming)

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Kristin Beals, Acolyte

PRELUDE: "Aria on 'When in Our Music God Is Glorified'" by David Cherwien / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CHORAL INTROIT:** "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" by C. Albert Scholin / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg; Accompanied by Robert Phillips)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 27) / John McDonald, Liturgist
(Liturgist) We come seeking God,

(People) the one who guides us and protects us.

(L) People of God, there is nothing to fear,

(P) for God dwells in our hearts.

(L) Let us shout with joy, for God is here!

(All) Let us sing praises to the Holy One! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #77 “How Great Thou Art” by Stuart K. Hine**
(Vss. 1, 2, & 3)

Verse 1

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!

Verse 2

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)

Verse 3

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Isaiah 9)

(Pastor) Siblings in Christ, the light of God shines on us. Let us share signs
of this love and peace with one another. The peace of Christ dwells within us!
(All) The peace of Christ dwells within us!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Adapted from Isaiah 9, Matthew 4)

God of light, we come tired and weary, carrying many burdens. We come wondering if you are even here. We come seeking your face, seeking your love. In this moment, Holy One, open our hearts to the mystery of your love. Remind us that you are always with us and that you never leave us. Reassure us that you love us, even as you invite us to love one another. In this time and space, may we say “yes” to you. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" by C. Albert Scholin /
The Aldersgate Chorale

CHILDREN’S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

INTERLUDE: “Basse et Dessus de Trompette” by Louis-Nicolas
Clerambault / Robert Phillips

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Exodus 20:4-6; 32:1-6; 19-20 (NRSV)

The Ten Commandments (II)

⁴You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

The Golden Calf

^{32:1} When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, “Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ² Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron.

⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

Moses' Anger

¹⁹As soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets from his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰He took the calf that they had made, burned it with fire, ground it to powder, scattered it on the water, and made the Israelites drink it.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" by Fred Pratt Green

SERMON: "II: DO NOT MAKE AN IDOL FOR YOURSELF - THE CASE OF AN EMPTY THRONE" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #73 "O Worship the King"** by Robert Grant
(Vss. 1, 2, & 5)

Verse 1

O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

Verse 2

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

Verse 5

**Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Isaiah 9, Psalm 27)
(Liturgist) God is our light and our love. May we joyfully offer our gifts to
God as tokens of our gratitude.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Trio on 'Lyons'" 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** (Adapted from Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians
1, Matthew 4) / Liturgist

**Loving God, light of the world, we thank you for these gifts. May they
share your joy and your hope, bringing reconciliation and help to those
seeking to walk in your ways. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.**

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #98 "To God Be the Glory"** by Fanny Crosby / All
Verse 1

**To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!**

Verse 2

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

Verse 3

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "How Great Thou Art" by Wilbur Held

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD



David and Loretta Cudney, Family of William "Bill" Wolter, Brad Austin,
Isaac Ruiz, Thurmond, Nicolas Mateo family, Pastor J.T. Kim and family,
Robert Zeeb, Robert Martinez, Pat Beals, family of Dalene Riggs,
family of Virginia Brawner

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

<i>Organist: Robert Phillips</i>	<i>Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader</i>
<i>Acolyte: Kristin Beals</i>	<i>Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann</i>
<i>Hymn Leader: Jennifer Walker</i>	<i>Altar Décor: The Décor Team</i>
<i>Liturgist: John McDonald</i>	<i>Head Usher: Matt Gorder</i>
<i>Choir Director: Yvonne Flagg</i>	<i>Media/Livestream Team: Don Knowles,</i>
<i>Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale</i>	<i>Dan, Carmen, and Gayla Lonsbery</i>
<i>Children's Message: Lucinda Edmunds</i>	

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 22

Children's Chime Choir Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
Worship / Sermon Series on "The Ten Commandments" (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
Sunday School (Club Ark & Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 p.m.
UWiF Citrus Circle (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25

The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: "The Bible Year" (Exodus 31:1-34:35) (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Thursday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 28

East District Officers' Training (off campus) - 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 29

Children's Chime Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
Worship / Sermon Series on "The Ten Commandments" (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
Sunday School (Club Ark & Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.

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