



# *First Sunday in Lent Worship*

**VII: "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY"**

**February 26, 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** / Camille and Gabriel Arguelles,  
Acolytes

**PRELUDE:** "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," African-American spiritual  
arranged by J. Stuart Archer / Robert Phillips, Organist

**\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*INTROIT:** "Seek the Lord" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale  
directed by Yvonne Flagg

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Genesis 2, Psalm 32, Matthew 4) / **All** /  
Led by Tina Rajaratnam, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Temptation surrounds us every day.

**(People) Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.**

(L) Opportunities to stray litter our path.

**(P) Happy are those whose sin is covered.**

(L) Though we stumble and fall,

God's mercy picks us up.

**(P) God's grace brushes us off.**

(L) Be glad in the Lord and rejoice,

**(All) God's love meets us here. Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #3016** "What a Mighty God We Serve" Traditional  
African Folk Song

**What a mighty God we serve.**

**What a mighty God we serve.**

**Angels bow before you,**

**heaven and earth adore you.**

**What a mighty God we serve. (Repeat)**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Matthew 4)

(Pastor) Even Christ was tempted in the wilderness. Turn to your neighbor,  
who suffers as you do from daily temptation, and offer signs of Christ's  
peace. Peace be with you!

**(All) Peace be with you!**

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (Lent) UM Hymnal #268

**O God our deliverer, you led your people of old through the wilderness  
and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your  
church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness  
of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God,  
now and forever. Amen**

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** "Your Will Be Done" by Paul Sjolund

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:** "The Ten Commandments" (Part II) / Pastor J. T. Kim

**INTERLUDE:** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," African-American spiritual arranged by Calvin Taylor / Robert Phillips

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 20:14 (NRSV)

*The Ten Commandments (VII)*

**"You shall not commit adultery."**

(Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the people of God!

**(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**ANTHEM:** "We've Come This Far by Faith" by Albert A. Goodson / Aldersgate Chorale with guest singer Sandra Cobbs

**\*\* See note on page 7**

**\*GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 5:27-30 (NRSV)

*Concerning Adultery*

**<sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON:** "VII: YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY" (Sermon Series 8 of 12 on the "Ten Commandments": Based on Chapter 7, "Faithfulness in an Age of Porn," *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #352 “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord”** African-American Spiritual

**Refrain**

**It’s me (it’s me), it’s me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
It’s me (it’s me), it’s me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.**

**Verse 1**

**Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)**

**Verse 2**

**Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)**

**Verse 3**

**Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.  
Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer. (Refrain)**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Deut. 26)**

(Liturgist) With grateful hearts, let us share a portion of the bounty God has given us. We do so as an act of faith, and in support of God’s work in this congregation and the world.

**(All) Amen!**

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to come forward to receive our offerings.

**OFFERTORY: “I’m Troubled,”** African-American spiritual arranged by Eugene W. Hancock

**\*DOXOLOGY: #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken

**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 4)  
**Merciful One, we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from your mouth. Still, we seek your blessing upon this offering, for many are hungry and need food, many are naked and need clothes, many are homeless and need shelter. May these gifts reflect the depth of our gratitude as they go into the world. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN: #3095** "Somebody's Knockin' at Your Door" (African American Spiritual)

**Refrain**

**Somebody's knockin' at your door;  
somebody's knockin' at your door;  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.**

**Verse 1**

**Knocks like Jesus.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Knocks like Jesus.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.**

**Verse 2**

**Can't you hear him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Can't you hear him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.**

### Verse 3

Jesus calls you.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Jesus calls you.  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

### Verse 4

Can't you trust him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
Can't you trust him?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.  
O sinner, why don't you answer?  
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho," African-American spiritual  
arranged by Fela Sowande

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## *\*\* A Note of Inspiration*

I have a beautiful memory of my mom belting out with the song “We’ve Come This Far by Faith.” Regardless of where she was, home, store, post office, it did not matter, she felt God’s Spirit and this song was put in her spiritual mailbox.

My mom, Miriam, also lovingly known as “Mimi,” was born in Birmingham, Alabama. While a college student in North Carolina, at the inception of the Civil Rights Movement, Mimi took an active role in nonviolent assembly in Charlotte, Atlanta, and Birmingham. Mimi led her 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes of Spanish to integrate lunch counters in Alabama. Mimi also worked with Dr. King and Medgar Evers with speech writing.

I do believe the reason this song lived in my mom’s heart and spirit, is because it meant so much to her both professionally and mostly personally. Indeed, “We’ve come this far by faith. Leaning on the Lord. Trusting in His Holy Word. He’s never failed me yet.”

*-Dani Johnson-Cork*



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who have faithfully served today:*

Acolytes: Camille and Gabriel Arguelles

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Liturgist: Tina Rajaratnam

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Interlude: Robert Phillips

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**THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Sunday, February 26**

- Children's Chime Choir Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
- Worship - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent; Sermon: "VII: You Shall Not Commit Adultery" (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Children Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- Communications Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:15 a.m.

**Monday, February 27**

- Church Council (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 28**

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

**Wednesday, March 1**

- Parents' Morning Out (PS Room 2) - 9 a.m.
- UWiF Executive Committee Mtg. (Zoom) - 1 p.m.
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth (Youth Room) - 5:30 p.m.
- The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 p.m.
- Lenten Soup Supper/Study (UWiF hosting) Speaker: Dr. Rajaratnam (Fellowship Hall) - 7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 2**

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

**Friday, March 3**

- UMM Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 a.m.

**Sunday, March 5**

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 a.m.
- Communications Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:15 a.m.



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