



## Third Sunday in Lent Worship

*New Members Welcoming Sunday*

*IX: "YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR"*

**March 12, 2023, 10 a.m.**

*(In-Person, Online, & PhoneLiveStreaming)*

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

<https://firstchurchriverside.org>

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**

**PRELUDE:** "Jesus, Sweet Is the Thought of Thee" by Robert J. Powell

#### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 95, John 4, Exodus 17) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Worship the Lord and sing God's praises.

**(People) We come into the Lord's presence with songs of thanksgiving.**

(L) Make a joyful noise for the rock of our salvation.

**(P) We rejoice in our time together.**

(L) Drink of Christ's living water.

**(All) We thirst for God's love! Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #99 "My Tribute"** by Andraé Crouch / All / Led by Jennifer Mahl

**To God be the glory,**

**to God be the glory,**

**to God be the glory**

**for the things he has done.**

**With his blood he has saved me;**

**with his pow'r he has raised me;**

**to God be the glory**

**for the things he has done.**

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

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Exodus 17, John 4)

(Pastor) May the peace of Christ surround you with living water in the wilderness of our lives. Let's share the peace of Christ with one another!

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, for ever. Amen.**

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lyn Knowles**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:17 (NRSV) / Liturgist**  
*The Ten Commandments (IX)*

**“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”**

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

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

**ANTHEM: "A Lenten Meditation" by Douglas E. Wagner / The Aldersgate Chorale**

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:1-5 (NRSV) / Liturgist**

*Do Not Judge*

**<sup>1</sup> “Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgement you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye.”**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: “IX: YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR”** (Sermon Series 10 of 12 on the “Ten Commandments”: Based on Chapter 9, “Sticks, Stones, and the Power of Words,” *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #605 “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”**  
by Ruth Duck / All

**Verse 1**

Wash, O God, our sons and daughters,  
where your cleansing waters flow.

Number them among your people;  
bless as Christ blessed long ago.

Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.

Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit,  
holy dove and heart's delight.

## Verse 2

We who bring them long for nurture;  
by your milk may we be fed.  
Let us join your feast,  
partaking cup of blessing, living bread.  
God, renew us, guide our footsteps;  
free from sin and all its snares,  
one with Christ in living, dying,  
by your Spirit, children, heirs.

## Verse 3

O how deep your holy wisdom!  
Unimagined, all your ways!  
To your name be glory, honor!  
With our lives we worship, praise!  
We your people stand before you,  
water-washed and Spirit-born.  
By your grace, our lives we offer.  
Recreate us; God, transform!

## **WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

- Baptism: Christina Graves - Transfer: Teo Sanchez
- Reaffirmation of Faith: Rollin Edmunds and Barbie McEvoy



## **Welcoming New Members Through Holy Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, and Transfer**

Sunday, March 12, 2023

## **INTRODUCTION**

(Pastor) Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

## **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

(Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader) I present Christina Graves for Holy Baptism. I present Rollin Edmunds and Barbie McEvoy to reaffirm their faith. I also present Teo Sanchez, who is transferring his membership from Bryn Mawr United Methodist Church, Seattle, Washington.

## **RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH**

(Pastor) On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**(Candidates) I do.**

(Lay Leader) Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**(Candidates) I do.**

(Pastor) Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**(Candidates) I do.**

(Pastor) According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**(Candidates) I will.**

(Lay Leader addresses the congregation) Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**(Congregation) We do.**

(Pastor to the congregation) Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**(Congregation) With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

## **BAPTISM**

(Pastor) (*Christina*), I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Pastor) (*Christina*), the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Pastor) (*Name*), remember your baptism and be thankful. **Amen.**

(Pastor) (*Name*), the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

(Lay Leader) As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**(Candidates) I will.**

## **RECEPTION INTO THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF RIVERSIDE**

(Pastor addresses all candidates) As members of this congregation, First United Methodist Church of Riverside, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

**(Candidates) I will.**

## **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

(Pastor addresses the congregation) Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**(Congregation) We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Riverside, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

## **BLESSINGS FOR THOSE RECEIVED AND WELCOMED**

(Pastor) The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

**(All) Amen!**

## **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from 1 Cor 1, John 2)

(Liturgist) God desires our hearts and our lives. As we offer our gifts in the offering plates this day, let us reflect on how we might give our hearts and lives, so that others may know the truth of God's wisdom and love.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" by Gilbert M. Martin

**\*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 1 Cor 1, John 2) / All / Led by Liturgist

**May the gifts we bring be gifts of love. May the offerings we share be offerings of our hearts. May each gift be blessed by your grace, that others may know the truth of your wisdom and your love. Amen.**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN: #363** “And Can It Be that I Should Gain” (“Amazing Love”) (Verses 1, 3, & 5 only) / **All**

**Verse 1**

**And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Savior's blood!  
Died he for me? who caused his pain!  
For me? who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**Verse 3**

**He left his Father's throne above  
(so free, so infinite his grace!),  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me!**

**Verse 5**

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine;  
alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th' eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
Bold I approach th' eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: “Toccata on ‘And Can It Be’” by John Innes**

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



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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### **- DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS! -**

#### Sunday, March 12

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) – 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: Welcoming New Members, Baptism, Sermon: "IX: YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR." (Sanctuary) – 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- United Methodist Men's Lunch by David Fraser. Program: "Courageous Conversations" with speakers: Riverside Police Officer Ryan Railsback and Tanya Humphrey. Cheryl Riggs, moderator. Cost of the lunch is \$6 per person or \$15 per family. (Fellowship Hall) - 11 a.m.

#### Tuesday, March 14

- SPRC Meeting (Zoom) – 7 p.m.
- Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 15

- Parents' Morning Out (Preschool Room 2) – 9 a.m.
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Wednesday Nights (Youth Classroom) - 5:30 p.m.
- Lenten Soup/Study (Fellowship Hall) - 6 p.m.
- The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 16

- Youth Confirmation Class (Zoom) – 6:00 p.m.
- Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 p.m.

#### Friday, March 17

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

#### Saturday, March 18

- P.E.O. Reciprocity Board Business Meeting (Fireside Room) – 9 a.m.
- UWIF Serendipity Circle (Chandler Lounge) -10 a.m.

#### Sunday, March 19

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) – 9:30 a.m.
- Family Sunday Worship with the Response Band, Sermon: Tenth Commandment "X: You Shall Not Covet" (Sanctuary) – 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- Lunch: Baked Potato Bar (Fellowship Hall) - 11:00 a.m.

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