



Fifth Sunday in Lent Worship

A Conclusion of the Sermon Series, "Words of Life," on the Ten Commandments

March 26, 2023, 10 a.m.

(In-Person, Online, & PhoneLiveStreaming)

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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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: "Variations on a Hymn for Lent" by Dale Wood / 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 Psalm 130) / Led by Daryl Salmon,
Liturgist

(Liturgist) Come, all who are weary.

(People) Here we wait for the Lord.

(L) Come, all who have turned away from God.

(P) Here we find forgiveness and healing.

(L) Come, all who look for hope.

(P) Here we embrace God's steadfast love.

(L) Come and fill your hearts with praise and thanksgiving.

(All) Let us praise God! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #504 "The Old Rugged Cross"** by George Bennard
(Verses 1, 3, & 4 only) / **All** / Led by Rev. Bev Devine

Verse 1

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.

Verse 3

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me. (Chorus)

Verse 4

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share. (Chorus)

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Romans 8)

(Pastor) The Spirit of Christ dwells in you.

(All) And also in you!

(Pastor) Let us share the peace and love of Christ with one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Adapted from Ezekiel 37, Psalm 130, Romans 8, John 11)

Great God of comfort and healing, we come today with many questions: "How will we survive the challenges of this day? Can we get through our moments of loss and grief? Will we be comforted when our tears flow like mighty streams?" In the midst of our questions, we hear voices of assurance and comfort. "I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live. With the Lord there is steadfast love. The Spirit of God dwells in you. You will see the glory of God." May these voices remind us of your abiding presence and your steadfast love. Thank you for walking with us throughout our days. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

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

INTERLUDE: "O How He Loves You and Me" by Kurt Kaiser / The Children's Chime Choir

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Pastor J. T. Kim

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:1-17 (NRSV) / Liturgist

The Ten Commandments

¹ Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You 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.

⁵ You 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, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "When Jesus Wept" by William Billings, arr. by Walter Ehret / Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-40 (NRSV)**

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

³⁷ He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment.

³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "WORDS OF LIFE: CONCLUSION" (Sermon Series 12 of 12 on the "Ten Commandments": Based on the book, *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: "This Is My Commandment"**

**This is my commandment
that you love one another,
that your joy may be full.**

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Psalm 130)

(Liturgist) God gives us steadfast love and abundant mercy. Now we are invited to bring our gifts to God as tokens of our thanksgiving and praise.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" by Johann Sebastian Bach

***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 John 11) / **All** /
Led by Liturgist

Abundant God, thank you for the gifts we bring to you. May these gifts bring new life to those who are in need in our community and in the world. In your beloved name, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #3186 "Days of Elijah"** by Robin Mark

Verse 1

**These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of your servant Moses;
righteousness being restored.
And though these are the days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword,
still we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."**

Chorus

**Behold he comes, riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee.
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

Verse 2

**And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of your servant David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest;
the fields are as white in the world.
And we are the laborers in your vineyard,
declaring the Word of the Lord.**

Chorus

**Behold, he comes, riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
So lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee.
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Prelude and Fugue in D Minor” by Johann Ludwig Krebs

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 26

- Children's Chime Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 9:30 a.m.
- Worship - Fifth Sunday of Lent; Sermon: "WORDS OF LIFE: CONCLUSION" (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Children Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- 2023 Riverside CROP Hunger Walk, Coordinator: Kevin Simpson (front lawn) - 1:30 p.m.

Monday, March 27

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

Tuesday, March 28

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

Wednesday, March 29

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 a.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/Gathering (congregation hosting); (Fellowship Hall) - 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

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

Friday, March 31

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

Sunday, April 2

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
- Palm Sunday Worship with Palm Procession; Holy Communion Sunday (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m. (Children/Youth participating come at 9:15 a.m.)
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 a.m.

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