



Second Sunday in Lent Worship

With Holy Communion

VIII: "YOU SHALL NOT STEAL"

March 5, 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 / Carolina Renteria, Acolyte

PRELUDE: "Andante and Adagio from 'Partita on Azmon'" by Mark Brampton Smith

***TRINITY BELLS**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3) / Led by Josephine Essien, Liturgist
(Liturgist) God calls with a blessing.
(People) Our help is in God.

(L) God calls with a promise.
(P) Our help is in God.
(L) God calls through our questions.
(P) Our help is in God.
(L) God calls through the Spirit.
(All) Our help is in God. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #57 “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** (Verses 1, 3, & 7 only) / **ALL** / Led by Yvonne Flagg

Verse 1

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

Verse 3

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

Verse 7

**In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.**

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Adapted from Genesis 12, Psalm 121)

(Pastor) Bless one another as you have been blessed. Bless one another with signs of support, peace, and love. Together, let us be one another's help and hope. 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 Genesis 12, Psalm 121, John 3)

Spirit of help and hope, be with us this day. Breathe into our prayers and praise. Breathe into our spirits. Breathe into our worship with your promise of help, your promise of rebirth, and your promise of blessing. In faith and trust, we pray. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 20:15 (NRSV) / Liturgist

The Ten Commandments (VIII)

"You shall not steal."

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love," based on "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure / The Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 23:39-43** (NRSV) / Liturgist

Jesus and the Two Thieves

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "VIII: YOU SHALL NOT STEAL" (Sermon Series 9 of 12 on the "Ten Commandments": Based on Chapter 8, "We're All Thieves. Yes, Even You," *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

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Jesus, Remember Me

Chords: Eb, Fm/Eb, Bb, Eb

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

Chords: Cm, Fm/Ab, Bb, Eb

Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #472 "Near to the Heart of God" by Cleland B. McAfee / All

Verse 1

There is a place of quiet rest,
 near to the heart of God;
 a place where sin cannot molest,
 near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
 sent from the heart of God,
 hold us who wait before thee,
 near to the heart of God.

Verse 2

There is a place of comfort sweet,
 near to the heart of God;
 a place where we our Savior meet,
 near to the heart of God. (Refrain)

Verse 3

There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Isaiah 58, Psalm 112) /

Liturgist

(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 collect our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "Pastel on 'Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days'" by Charles Callahan

***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 / All / Liturgist**

Gracious God, in grateful response to our many blessings, we offer you these offerings, that they may bless a world in need. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(Pastor) God loves us – each and every one of us – with his amazing love shown on the cross of Christ. We all are invited to Christ's table of grace and mercy.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

(People) And also with you.

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

(People) We lift them up to the Lord.

(Pastor) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

(People) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You brought all things into being and called them good. From the dust of the earth you formed us into your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. When rain fell upon the earth for forty days and forty nights, you bore up the ark on the waters, saved Noah and his family, and made covenant with every living creature on earth.

When you led your people to Mount Sinai for forty days and forty nights, you gave us your commandments and made us your covenant people. When your people forsook your covenant, your prophet Elijah fasted for forty days and forty nights; and on your holy mountain, he heard your still small voice.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All sing)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the
highest.**

(Pastor) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When you gave him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led him into the wilderness, where he fasted forty days and forty nights to prepare for his ministry.

When he suffered and died on a cross for our sin, you raised him to life, presented him alive to the apostles during forty days, and exalted him at your right hand.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. Now, when we your people prepare for the yearly feast of Easter, you lead us to repentance for sin and the cleansing of our hearts, that during these forty days of Lent we may be gifted and graced to reaffirm the covenant you made with us through Christ.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Sing) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(Pastor) Bless, O God, these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the presence of your love and grace. Bless all of us gathered here, that we may become your very image, blessed to bless your good earth. Blow through our gathering with the power of your Holy Spirit. Make us one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to your world.

(All Sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

(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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

(Pastor) Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Pastor) Please take your Bread and Cup now – here or at your home.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: “O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall” by Johann Sebastian Bach

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #269 “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” by Claudia F. Hernaman (Verses 1, 3, & 5 only)**

Verse 1

**Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins
and close by thee to stay.**

Verse 3

**As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.**

Verse 5

**Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Finale from 'Partita on Azmon'" by Mark Brampton Smith

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 5

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: Sermon: "VIII: YOU SHALL NOT STEAL," Holy Communion (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- See's Candy Sales - "Hoppy Surprise Box" (Fellowship Hall) - 11 a.m.
- Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 a.m.
- Communications Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:15 a.m.

Monday, March 6

- Trustees Meeting (Zoom) - 7 p.m.
- Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7

- Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 6 p.m.
- Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 8

- Parents' Morning Out (PS Room 2) - 9 a.m.
- Lenten Soup/Study (Fellowship Hall) - 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

- UMM Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 a.m.
- UWiF Lunch Bunch (Dragon House) - 12 p.m.

Saturday, March 11

- Blood Drive (Parking Lot) - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday, March 12

- Children's Chime Choir (Sanctuary) - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: Welcoming New Members, Baptism
Sermon: "IX: YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR."
New Members Welcomed (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.

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