

Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506

June 11, 2023 10 AM



Order of Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost ~ Graduation Sunday ~ Prayer Walk for VBS

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Aria on 'Jewels'" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***INTROIT:** "This Is the Day" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale / Directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Come into God's presence.

(People) All are welcome here.

(L) Come, saints and sinners alike.

(P) We are all God's children.

(L) Faith has brought us here.

(P) Grace will make us whole.

(L) Come! Let us worship.

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #140** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Thomas O. Chisholm / **All** / Led by Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changes not, thy compassion, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Verse 3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

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

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

(Pastor) By reaching out in faith, we touch the presence of God. May we feel this touch and this grace as we pass the peace of Christ today. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys & Concerns

HONORING OUR CLASS OF 2023 GRADUATES / Lucinda Edmunds, Director of Youth Ministry

POST-COLLEGE

Kasey Cole - University of Utah with PhD

COLLEGE

Kyle Grimes, Riverside City College
Billy Gwira, Riverside City College
Alexander Othon, University of San Francisco
Jennifer Walker, University of California Riverside

HIGH SCHOOL

Samuel Britain, Hillcrest High School
Dylan Grimes, Poly High School
Carolina Renteria, Poly High School
Abbie Ruiz, Martin Luther King High School

PROMOTION

Camille Arguelles, Villegas Middle School
Lillian Zeeb, Gage Middle School

BLESSINGS FOR THE GRADUATES AND THEIR FAMILIES / Pastor J. T. Kim

BLESSINGS FOR VBS - For the Children, the Parents and families, the Director, the Teachers, and all the Helpers and Volunteers / Pastor J. T. Kim

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

INTERLUDE: "Grace" by Daniel B. Towner / Allegro Ringers / Directed by Gayla Lonsbery

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 1:5-10 (NRSV)

God Forgives Our Sins

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Help Us Accept One Another" by Fred Kaan / Children's Chime Choir

GOSPEL READINGS: Matthew 6:14-15 (NRSV) / Liturgist *Forgive Others

¹⁴"For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Luke 24:45-49 (NRSV) *Forgiveness of Sins*

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

ANTHEM: "All Praise to Thee" by Thomas Tallis / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

SERMON: "THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS" (Sermon Series 6 of 8 on the Apostles' Creed) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #389 "Freely, Freely" by Carol Owens

Verse 1

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

Verse 2

All power is given in Jesus' name,
In earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.

Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from 1 Sam 8, Ps 138)

(Liturgist) We have come to give praise to God and to say thank you for all that God has given us. In thanksgiving and praise, let us bring our gifts before God.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "This Is a Day of New Beginnings" by Michael Burkhardt

***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 Ps 138, 2 Cor 4)

Almighty Creator, you have blessed us with abundant life and steadfast love. We offer these gifts to you, asking that your Holy Spirit will bless them and use them to shower grace and love upon our brothers and sisters, both near and far. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

PRAYER WALK FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - INVITATION / PASTOR KIM

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow and will be held in the Fellowship Hall from Monday, June 12, through Friday, June 16.

You are invited to join a Prayer Walk for VBS today. (see following description)

You will each choose to be in a group who will pray for a particular indoor VBS activity.

The three indoor activity stations:

1) Assembly / Lyn Knowles 2) Crafts / Josefina Juarez 3) Science / Greg Laird

The Prayer Leaders will be waiting for you outside to join them and to follow them to Fellowship Hall. You will pray at your station and then, we will make a big circle (in Fellowship Hall) and join in the Dismissal Prayer led by Pastor Kim.

After the Prayer, you are invited to stay for the United Methodist Men's Luncheon Gathering in the Fellowship Hall.

We will sing this hymn and then begin our prayer walk.

***SENDING HYMN: #149 "Cantemos al Señor (Let's Sing unto the Lord)" by Carlos Rosas / All Verse 1**

**Cantemos al Señor un himno de alegría,
un cántico de amor al nacer el nuevo día.
El hizo el cielo, el mar, el sol y las estrellas
y vio en ellos bondad, pues sus obras eran bellas.
¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! Cantemos al Señor. ¡Aleluya!**

**Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing.
Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh beginning.
God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans;
And God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beauty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!**

Verse 2

**Cantemos al Señor un himno de alabanza,
que exprese nuestro amor, nuestra fe, y nuestra esperanza.
En toda la creación pregona su grandeza,
así nuestro cantar va anunciando su belleza.
¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! Cantemos al Señor. ¡Aleluya!
Cantemos al Señor. ¡Aleluya!**

**Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration,
which shows our love and faith and the hope of all creation.
Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness,
and so we sing to God, who bestows such lovely blessings.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!
Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!**

We are blessed by our worship leaders!

Organist: Robert Phillips

Liturgist: Loretta Cudney

Choral Director: Yvonne Flagg

Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale

Bell Director: Gayla Lonsbery

Hymn Leader: Kris Lovekin

Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin

Graduations/Promotions: Lucinda Edmunds

Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann

Head Usher: Matt Gorder

Altar Décor: The Décor Team

Media/Livestream Team: Don Knowles,
Dan, Carmen, and Gayla Lonsbery

We are called to pray for:

Families of:

Teo Sanchez, Jean Grout, David Cudney, Donna Kidder, Peggy Haught and family,
Hilda DeSilva, Velma Wellborn, Mary Strickler (Julie Williams' mother)

Pat Williams, Art Rodriguez, Margaret Berger, Lorraine Chavez, Phil Chavez,
Michael Thompson, Barbara Spencer, Bob Bahnsen, Carmen Lonsbery,
Ryan Dungan, Charlotte "Charlie" Tengler, Helen Carrigan, Cheryl Fortuno Pash

You are invited to submit names requesting prayers. fumc@FirstChurchRiverside.org 951-683-7831

We will list them here, and they will remain for 3 months.

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Today and Coming Events

Sunday, June 11

- Children's Chime Choir (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Worship: Second Sunday after Pentecost; Graduation Sunday; Prayer Walk for VBS; Sermon Series: "THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS" (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- United Methodist Men's Lunch by David Fraser (Fellowship Hall) - 11 a.m.
- Bell Concert "The Gift of Music" (Sanctuary) - 5 p.m.

Monday, June 12

- VBS (Fellowship Hall) - 9 a.m. - noon

Tuesday, June 13

- VBS (Fellowship Hall) - 9 a.m. - noon
- SPRC (Zoom) 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14

- VBS (Fellowship Hall) - 9 a.m. - noon
- Cal-Pac Annual Conference (Clergy only) (Los Angeles)
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 15

- Cal-Pac Annual Conference (Clergy & Laity) (Los Angeles)
- VBS (Fellowship Hall) - 9 a.m. - noon

Friday, June 16

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 a.m.
- Cal-Pac Annual Conference (Clergy & Laity) (Los Angeles)
- VBS (Fellowship Hall) - 9 a.m. - noon

Saturday, June 17

- Cal-Pac Annual Conference (Clergy & Laity) (Los Angeles)

Sunday, June 18

- Sunday Worship - Father's Day; VBS Celebration; Family Sunday with The Response Band - Sermon: "THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY" (Sermon series 7 of 8) (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- "Sock Toss" game - please bring men's white crew socks for those in need through Wesley UMC's Project Hope (Patio) - 11 a.m.
- Father's Day Cake Walk hosted by Faith and Fellowship (Patio) - 11 a.m.

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