

Sunday Worship

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

June 25, 2023 10 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Music Ministry Appreciation Sunday

Order of Worship

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

PRELUDE: "Pie Jesu" from *Requiem* by John Rutter / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Psalm 86) / Tina Rajaratnam, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Incline your ear, O God. Hear the praises of your people.

(People) Gladden the hearts of your servants, as we lift up our souls to you.

(L) For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

(P) In the day of trouble we call on you, knowing you will answer.

(L) Your people everywhere glorify your name.

(P) For you are slow to anger and abound in steadfast love.

(L) Turn to us and be gracious.

(All) Amen!

*OPENING HYMN: #158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Christian Henry Bateman / Led
by Yvonne Flagg

Verse 1

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

**Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!**

Verse 2

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;

His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Verse 3

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Rom 6)

(Pastor) Pain and hurt have no dominion over us when we share this sanctuary with one another. Let us share a greeting of peace and love with neighbors, enemies, strangers, and friends alike. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (Adapted from "Baptismal Covenant I," *The United Methodist Hymnal*, p. 35) / **All**

(Pastor) Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God?

(All) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

(Pastor) Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

(All) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

(Pastor) Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

(All) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(*universal)

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Pastor J. T. Kim

MUSIC MINISTRY APPRECIATION MOMENTS

Yvonne Flagg, Aldersgate Chorale Director

Gayla Lonsbery, Bells Director

Jeff Ashworth, Leader of The Response Band

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 6:22-23 (NRSV) / Liturgist

God's Gift of Eternal Life

²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" by Peter Scholtes, performed by The Aldersgate Chorale, The Response, and The Bell Tree

***GOSPEL READING: John 3:14-21 (NIV) / Liturgist**

God So Loved the World

¹⁴ "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹ This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹ But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

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

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #534 “Be Still, My Soul” by Katharina von Schlegel**

Verse 1

**Be still my soul: the Lord is on your side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change God faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

Verse 2

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future, as in ages past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

Verse 3

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Matt 10, Ps 13) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Trusting in the steadfast love of God requires us to invest our whole selves – from the depths of our souls, and with the entirety of our hearts. Now is the time to share what we have been given. This is the place to welcome the Spirit of Christ. With our whole selves, let us present what we have received from God, back to God.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: “Be Still, My Soul” by Edwin T. Childs

***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 Matt 10, Ps 13)

Through the teachings of Jesus, the steadfast love of God, and the empowering winds of the Spirit, we have been taught to share what we have, our time, talent, and treasure, with those in need. As we serve our neighbors, we serve the Christ. In gratitude for God's many gifts, we celebrate God's call to care for creation, and to boldly love the children of God. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***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!

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Carolyn Hamlin

We are blessed by today's worship leaders!

Organist: Robert Phillips
Liturgist: Tina Rajaratnam
Choral Director: Yvonne Flagg
Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale
Hymn Leader: Yvonne Flagg
Bell Director: Gayla Lonsbery
Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin
Children's Moment: Pastor J. T. Kim
Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann
Head Usher: Matt Gorder
Altar Décor: The Décor Team
Media/Livestream Team: Don Knowles,
Dan, Carmen, and Gayla Lonsbery

We celebrate our faithful musicians:

Organist

Robert Phillips

Bell Tree

Gayla Lonsbery and Carmen Lonsbery

Allegro Ringers

Greg Laird, Carmen Lonsbery, Lisa Ponder, Lee-Ann Seeling, Sue Tomlinson

Children's Chime Choir

Camille Arguelles, Gabriel Arguelles and Hannah Arguelles

The Aldersgate Chorale

Bob Banks, Phil Bremenstuh, Rev. Bev Devine, David Fraser, Pierre Jacinto,
Alan Kerrick, Steve Kerrick, Helen Kirkwood, Lyn Knowles, Sean Lomax,
Kate Lovekin, Kris Lovekin, Jennifer Mahl, Bob Nelson, Val Othon,
Josh Ponnuraju, Regan Pope, Jennifer Walker, Ruth Walker, Pat Williams

The Response Band

Jeff Ashworth, Bob Banks, Rev. Bev Devine, Kyle Grimes, John Simmons, John Zeeb

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We are called to pray for:

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

Families of: Teo Sanchez, Jean Grout, David Cudney, Donna Kidder, Hilda DeSilva,
Velma Wellborn, Mary Strickler, Cynthia (Brockie) McKay

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

Coming Events

Sunday, June 25

- Sunday Worship – Music Appreciation Sunday; Sermon: “THE LIFE EVERLASTING” (Sermon series 8 of 8 on the Apostles’ Creed) (Sanctuary) – 10 a.m.
- Children’s Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- Church Council – In-person Meeting / Appetizer Potluck (Fellowship Hall) – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27

- Citrus Circle Dinner Meeting (Off-campus) – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28

- Parents’ Morning Out (Summer Session) – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, June 30

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

Sunday, July 2

- Sunday Worship: New Sermon Series begins: “The Heart of Christianity” by Pastor J. T. Kim (Sanctuary) – 10 a.m.
- The Aldersgate Chorale is on Summer Break (resumes rehearsals on Sept. 7)
- Children’s Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m.
- Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) – 11:15 a.m.

Tuesday, July 4

- The church office will be closed for the holiday. Please join us in the parking lot for the fireworks show. Gates open at 6 p.m.

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