

Sunday Worship

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

August 13, 2023 10 a.m.



Order of Worship

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Wonderful Words of Life" by Wilbur Held / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 105) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) O give thanks to the Lord!

(People) Holy One, we come with thanks on our lips.

(L) Sing to God, sing praises!

(P) Rise up your song in our souls.

(L) Tell of God's wonderful works!

(P) Our hearts find joy in seeking you.

(L) Seek the Lord and claim God's strength!

(P) We grow strong in your power and might.

(L) Remember all that God has done!

(P) You shape our lives through every challenge.

(L) Praise the Lord!

(All) We praise you, Lord! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #657** "This Is the Day" by Les Garrett / Led by Rev. Bev Devine

Leader: This is the day, **All: this is the day**

(L) that the Lord hath made, **All: that the Lord hath made.**

(L) Let us rejoice, **All: let us rejoice**

(L) and be glad in it, **ALL: and be glad in it.**

All: This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: This is the day,

All: this is the day that the Lord hath made. (Repeat all)

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Genesis 37, Romans 10)

(Pastor) Friends, be at peace. Families, be at peace with one another. Beloved of God, be at peace in your hearts, in your souls, and in your minds. Offer one another a sign of God's peace with the words: "Peace be with you." May these be God's word on our lips and in our hearts!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Adapted from Gen 45, Ps 133, Rom 11, Matt 15)

Eternal God, part the veil that blinds us to our unity as your beloved children. When those we love hurt and betray us, help us let go of our pain and find the balm of forgiveness. When we feel abandoned by those we trust, help us seek your peace and reconciliation. When our hearts are pierced with anguish, help us find those who will bring us solace, through your loving Spirit. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lyn Knowles

INTERLUDE: "The Commission" by Logan Cain, Madison Cain, Taylor Cain, Carter Frodge, and Blake NeeSmith / Sung by John Simmons and Rev. Bev Devine with Robert Phillips accompanying on the piano

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NRSV) / Liturgist

All Scripture Is Inspired by God

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

SERMON: "THE BIBLE: THE HEART OF THE TRADITION" (Part I) (Sermon Series #7, based on the book, *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus J. Borg) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #600 "Wonderful Words of Life" by Philip P. Bliss / All**

Verse 1

**Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.**

Refrain

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

Verse 2

**Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of life;
sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. (Refrain)**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Genesis 37, Psalm 105) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Through our struggles, God always carves out hope. Through our suffering, God always gives us gifts – gifts not just for us, but to give away. Let us be part of God's abundant grace and love through our gifts and lives.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offering.

OFFERTORY: "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" by Johann Gottfried Walther

***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 Genesis 37, Psalm 105) / Liturgist

**Gracious, almighty God, receive the fruit of our struggles and the pain of our
suffering. Receive our lives, our whole lives, and every step on our journeys, that we
might shine with your glory in all our endeavors. Amen.**

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #666 "Shalom to You" by Elise S. Eslinger / All**

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness" by Richard I. Purvis

We are blessed by our worship leaders!

Organist: Robert Phillips

Liturgist: Loretta Cudney

Hymn Leader: Rev. Bev Devine

Interlude: John Simmons and Rev. Bev
Devine

Children's Moment: Lyn Knowles

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:

Pat Williams, Margaret Berger, Peggy Haught, Helen Carrigan,
Jim and Genette Sizer, Dianne Purkey, Allison George, Kim Austin

Families of: Jean Grout, Donna Kidder, Hilda DeSilva, Velma Wellborn,
Mary Strickler, Cynthia (Brockie) McKay, Jim Fisher, Richard Beem

You are invited to submit names requesting prayers.

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This Week

Sunday, August 13

- (WORSHIP) Sermon **"THE BIBLE: THE HEART OF THE TRADITION" (Part I)** (Sermon Series #7, based on the book, *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus J. Borg) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - **10:00 a.m.**
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 a.m.**

Monday, August 14

- Wellborn Reception (Fellowship Hall) - **11:30 a.m.**
- Panda Express Fundraiser - (need flyer) - **All Day**

Tuesday, August 15

- Preschool 1st day of school (PS)
- Pastor Kim's Continuing Education: Cal-Pac Clergy Convocation 8/15-8/17

Sunday, August 20

- (WORSHIP) Sermon **"THE BIBLE: THE HEART OF THE TRADITION" (Part II)** (Sermon Series #8, based on the book, *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus J. Borg) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - **10:00 a.m.**
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 a.m.**
- Salad Bar, sponsored by Faith and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) - **11:00 a.m.**

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