

# Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside  
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506  
August 20, 2023 10 a.m.



## Order of Worship

### Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, "Aloha" Sunday; Family Sunday with The Response Praise Band

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Aloha Oe (Hawaiian National Hymn)" by Edwin H. Lemare / Robert Phillips,  
Organist

#### \*TRINITY BELLS

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Exod 1-2, Ps 124, Matt 16, Rom 12) / John McDonald,  
Liturgist

(Liturgist) We step off the streets, away from places of work, shopping malls, billboards,  
and news broadcasts, to stand before the living God.

**(People) Our help is in the name of the living God, maker of heaven and earth.**

(L) We turn away from the world and the patterns of power that too often hurt, trap, and  
swallow us up.

**(P) We stand before our helper, the God of mercy, who rescues and renews us.**

(L) We come to this sanctuary seeking the living God, maker of heaven and earth.

**(All) We present ourselves to the living God, who is compassionate and merciful, as  
a living and pleasing sacrifice. Amen!**

\***OPENING HYMN:** "People, Get Ready" by Curtis Mayfield / Led by The Response  
Verse 1

**People, get ready, there's a train a-coming.**

**You don't need no baggage; you just get on board.**

**All you need is faith to hear the diesels humming.**

**Don't need no ticket; you just thank the Lord.**

## Verse 2

People, get ready, there's a train to Jordan,  
picking up passengers from coast to coast.  
Faith is the key; open the doors and board them.  
There's hope for all among those loved the most.

Guitar solo (1 verse)

## Verse 3

There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner  
who would hurt all mankind just to save his own.  
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner.  
For there's no hiding place against the kingdom's throne.

## Verse 4

People, get ready, there's a train a-coming.  
You don't need no baggage; you just get on board.  
All you need is faith to hear the diesels humming.  
Don't need no ticket; you just thank the Lord.  
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**WELCOME** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Matt 16, Rom 12)

(Pastor) We are one body in Christ, and we belong to one another in this family, the Church. Let us welcome one another to our mutual home as we share the peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

**(All) Peace be with you!**

## **THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE** (Adapted from Genesis 45, Matthew 15)

**God of grace, you invite us to draw near and embrace the circle of your love. We come in anguish at our broken relationships— our alienation from one another, our resistance to reconciliation, our readiness to be the blind following the blind, and our readiness to give up when persistence is called for. Gather us in, and make a place to heal our anguish, ease our alienation, and end our resistance. Ready us for reconciliation, forbearance, and persistence. Turn our gaze to the one who calls our name. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen!**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Pastor J. T. Kim

**INTERLUDE:** "Washed Over Me" by Jonathon Lindley Smith, Casey Brown, Garrett Hornbuckle, Joshua Schou, Jeff Stein and Luke Wycuff / The Response

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 8:31-32** (NIV) / Liturgist

***The Truth Will Set You Free***

**<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**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

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: "This Is Amazing Grace"** by Josh Farro, Phil Wickham, and Jeremy Riddle

**Verse 1**

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,  
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

**Verse 2**

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

**Chorus**

**This is amazing grace,  
this is unfailing love,  
that you would take my place,  
that you would bear my cross.  
You laid down your life  
that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.**

**Verse 3**

**Who brings our chaos back into order,  
who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.**

**Verse 4**

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

### Chorus

**This is amazing grace,  
this is unfailing love,  
that you would take my place,  
that you would bear my cross.  
You laid down your life  
that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.**

### Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave!  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!  
Worthy, worthy, worthy!**

### Chorus

**This is amazing grace,  
this is unfailing love,  
that you would take my place,  
that you would bear my cross.  
You laid down your life  
that I would be set free.  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me,  
all that you've done for me.**

**LEGACY MOMENT** Honoring Reverend Ed and Amy Reeves / David Fraser

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from Rom 12) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) We belong to one another and are to serve one another with our gifts. This beautiful vision moves beyond the Church through the one who draws the world together in love. We all belong to one another and depend upon one another. So let us give of our presence and vision, our resources and efforts, for the saving of our world.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Wairua Tapu (As the Wind Song)" by Marilyn Biery

**\*OFFERING SONG:** "As We Seek Your Face" / "Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / **All** / Led by Rev. Bev Devine

**As we seek your face, may we know your heart;  
feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.  
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.  
Let the world around me fade away.  
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.  
For I desire to worship and obey.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Adapted from Exod 1-2, Ps 124, Matt 16, Rom 12) /  
Liturgist

**O God, maker of heaven and earth, you are our help in the midst of need and danger. Bless our gifts this day, that they may find their way to those who feel hopeless and without resource. May our gifts be a sign of your hope and love, and may the people we help find their way to safety. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

**\*SENDING HYMN:** "Alive in Us" by Jason Ingram and Reuben Morgan

**Verse 1**

**Great is your love.  
Let the whole earth sing, let the whole earth sing.  
You reached for us,  
from on heaven's throne, when we had no hope.  
You are the Way; there is no other.  
You are the Way; there is no other.**

**Chorus**

**You rose from death, to victory.  
You reign in life, O Majesty.  
Your Name be high and lifted up.  
Jesus, Jesus alive in us.**

**Verse 2**

**You outshine the sun.  
You are glorious, you are glorious.  
Lord over all,  
You have made us new. We owe it all to you.  
In everything be exalted.  
In everything be exalted. (Chorus)**

## Bridge

The enemy is under your feet.  
We are free, we are free.  
Death has been defeated by love.  
You overcome, you overcome. (Repeat Bridge)

## Chorus

You rose from death to victory.  
You reign in life, O Majesty.  
Your Name be high and lifted up.  
Jesus, Jesus alive in us. (Repeat Chorus)

## *Ending*

Jesus, Jesus alive in us.

## \*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE:** "Fanfare" by William Mathias

*We are blessed by our worship leaders!*

Organist: Robert Phillips  
Liturgist: John McDonald  
Hymn Leaders and Interlude: The  
Response (Jeff Ashworth, Bob Banks,  
Rev. Bev Devine, John Simmons, and  
John Zeeb)  
Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin

Children's Moment: Pastor J. T. Kim  
Legacy Moment: David Fraser  
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:*

Michael Thompson, Bob Bahnsen, Peggy Haught,  
Jim and Genette Sizer, Dianne Purkey, Pawar Singh, Amelia Nieto,  
Mary Boon, Allison George, Kim Austin,  
the people of Maui and their families

Families of: Jean Grout, Velma Wellborn, Jim Fisher, Richard Beem

*You are invited to submit names requesting prayers.*

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## This Week

### **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.**
- Casual Hawaiian/Salad Bar Potluck (Fellowship Hall) - **11:00 a.m.**

### **Monday, August 21**

- Finance Committee (Zoom) - **5:30 p.m.**

### **Tuesday, August 22**

- Staff Meeting (Conference Room) - **10 a.m.**

### **Thursday, August 24**

- UWIF Lunch Bunch at the Monark Asian Bistro, 5225 Canyon Crest Dr., #64, Riverside (near Ralph's Market) - **11:30 a.m.**

### **Saturday, August 26**

- UWIF Serendipity Circle (Chandler Lounge) - **10:00 a.m.**

### **Sunday, August 27**

- SUNDAY WORSHIP: Sermon by the Rev. Ashok Sawlikar, Guest Preacher. (Sanctuary) - **10:00 a.m.**
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 a.m.**
- UWIF Tri-Church Bible Study Potluck (Chandler Lounge) - **2:00 p.m.**



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