

# Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside  
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506  
August 6, 2023 10 a.m.



## Order of Worship

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost and Holy Communion Sunday

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" by Charles Callahan / Robert Phillips, Organist

### \*TRINITY BELLS

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Matthew 14) / Led by Bob Nelson, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Are you hungry for a word of hope?

**(People) We come to be fed and nourished.**

(L) Are you yearning to see the bounty of God?

**(P) We long to see and believe.**

(L) Are you ready to witness the power of our God?

**(P) We are ready.**

(P) Come! Let us worship.

**(All) Amen!**

\***OPENING HYMN: #2273** "Jesus, We Are Here" by Patrick Matsikenyiri / **All** / Led by Kris Lovekin

### Verse 1

**Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.**

### Verse 2

**Savior, we are here; Savior, we are here; Savior, we are here; we are here for you.**

### Verse 3

**Master, we are here; Master, we are here; Master, we are here; we are here for you.**

### Verse 4

**Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here; we are here for you.**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Psalm 17, Matthew 14)

(Pastor) In times of plenty and want, God meets us in our need. As sisters and brothers in Christ, let us turn and draw strength from one another, by sharing signs of Christ's peace. Peace be with you!

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

## **THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (Adapted from Gen 37, Ps 105, Rom 10:15, Matt 14)

**Eternal God, you visit us in dreams, offering us glimpses of new possibilities.**

**Rescue us from life's storms, and lift us from the raging waters. Be with us now, as we call on your name. Reveal your purposes for our world, that we may be of use and service. Bless us with the courage to spread your word, that it may be said of us: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**INTERLUDE:** "How Beautiful" by Twila Paris, arranged by Phillip Keveren / Bell Tree duet played by Lee-Ann Seeling and Gayla Lonsbery, accompanied by Robert Phillips on piano

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-40** (NRSV) / Liturgist

***The Greatest Commandment***

**<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" <sup>37</sup>He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: "FAITH: THE WAY OF THE HEART" (Part III)** (Sermon Series #6, based on the book, *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus J. Borg) / the Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION #599** "Break Thou the Bread of Life" by Mary A. Lathbury / **All**

**Verse 1**

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;  
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word.**

**Verse 2**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from Matthew 14) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Faced with a hungry crowd and only five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed the multitude until all were satisfied. Faced with a hungry world, God invites us to offer our gifts, that God's bounty may be shared with those in need. May Christ see our faith and multiply our gifts, that all might be satisfied.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Prelude on 'Bread of Life'" by Gordon Young

**\*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 Matthew 14) / Liturgist

**Source of Compassion, you meet our needs. May our gifts become loaves and fish  
for those who hunger. May our offerings become love and light for those who feel  
lost and afraid. Bless our lives and our ministries, that we may be a people who  
share our abundance with those who live in want. In our living and in our giving,  
may the world be fed and made whole again. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

**(Congregation) And also with you.**

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

**(Congregation) We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**(All) 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 formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

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

**(All Singing)**

**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) 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 Singing)**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**(All Singing)**

**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 & SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(Pastor) For those who are here in person, you are invited to come forward to take communion elements with three options: (1) You can take the communion in a traditional way. Take a piece of Bread and dip it into the Cup, then eat it. (2) Or you can simply take a "Fellowship Cup," which includes both elements, from the basket and eat it in your seat. It's your choice. (3) If desired, you may take a "Gluten Free Fellowship Cup" from the special basket held by one of the servers.

For those who are at home, via online or telephone, please take your own Bread and Cup now at your home.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:** "Humbly I Adore Thee, Verity Unseen" by David N. Johnson

## **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 #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" by Omer Westerdorf / All**

### **Verse 1**

**Sent forth by god's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

### **Verse 2**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Genesis 32)

(Pastor) We are blessed by the hand that leads us to a land flowing with milk and honey.

**(All) We go with God's blessings.**

(Pastor) We are blessed by the one who heals our wounds and makes us whole.

**(All) We go with the blessings of the one who meets us face to face. Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "The Ash Grove" by Dale Wood

*We are blessed by our worship leaders!*

Organist: Robert Phillips

Liturgist: Bob Nelson

Hymn Leader: Kris Lovekin

Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin

Interlude: Lee-Ann Seeling and

Gayla Lonsbery

Children's Moment: Christine Graves

Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann

Head Usher: Matt Gorder

Altar Décor: The Décor Team

Media/Livestream Team: Don Knowles,

Dan, Carmen, and Gayla Lonsbery

Communion Coordinator: Lee Ann Salmon

*We are called to pray for:*

Pat Williams, Margaret Berger, Barbara Spencer, Bob Bahnsen,  
Peggy Haught, Helen Carrigan, Amelia Nieto, Mary Boon, Allison George

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

*You are invited to submit names requesting prayers. [fumc@FirstChurchRiverside.org](mailto:fumc@FirstChurchRiverside.org) 951-683-7831*

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# Coming Events

## **Monday, August 7 @ 7 p.m.**

-Worship Committee (Zoom)

## **Tuesday, August 8 @ 7 p.m.**

-SPRC Meeting (Zoom)

## **Wednesday, August 9**

-Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - **9 a.m.**

-The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **6:30 p.m.**

## **Saturday, August 12 @ 11 a.m.**

-Jim Fisher's Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)

## **Sunday, August 13**

-Worship: **"THE BIBLE: THE HEART OF THE TRADITION" (Part I)** (Sermon Series #7 on *The Heart of Christianity*) by Pastor J. T. Kim (Sanctuary) - **10 a.m.**

-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 a.m.**

-Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - **11:15 a.m.**

## **Monday, August 14 @ 11:30 a.m.**

-Velma Wellborn's Remembrance Reception (Fellowship Hall)

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# Sermon Note

"FAITH: THE WAY OF THE HEART" (PART III)  
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## **"FOUR MEANINGS OF FAITH"**

(Based on the book, *The Heart of Christianity*, by  
Marcus Borg)

FAITH as a "matter of the HEAD":

(1) Faith as "Assensus" (Faith as "Belief")

FAITH as a "matter of the HEART":

(2) Faith as "*Fiducia*" (Faith as "Trust")

(3) Faith as "*Fidelitas*" (Faith as "F\_\_\_\_\_")

Two opposite words for "Faith as *Fidelitas*":

1) A\_\_\_\_\_ 2) I\_\_\_\_\_

(4) Faith as "*Visio*" (Faith as "a Way of S\_\_\_\_\_")

Three worldviews according to H. Richard Niebuhr:

View #1: "We can see reality as hostile and

t\_\_\_\_\_."

View #2: "Your world is perceived as i\_\_\_\_\_."

View #3: "Your world is viewed as l\_\_\_\_-giving and  
n\_\_\_\_\_."