

Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506
October 15, 2023 10 a.m.



Order of Worship

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; Laity Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Intermezzo on 'The Voice of God Is Calling'" by Gilbert M. Martin
/ Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***CHORAL INTROIT** "Psalm 100" by Jane M. Marshall / The Aldersgate Chorale
(Directed by Yvonne Flagg; accompanied by Robert Phillips)

CALL TO WORSHIP / Greg Laird, Liturgist

Leader: As Jesus called disciples so long ago -- Peter ... Andrew ... Mary ... James ...
Martha ... Mary Magdalene ... John ...

**People: Let us listen for our own names, written on God's heart and called in the
voice of the Spirit.**

(L): They were fishermen, tax collectors, brothers and sisters. God transformed them
into the beloved community.

(P): **We are doctors and accountants, nurses, teachers, repair people,
caregivers, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters.**

**All: May God transform us into the beloved community. May our prayer and
praise give glory to God! Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN:** "10,000 Reasons" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman / **All** / Led by The Response

Chorus

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)**

Verse 2

**You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)**

Verse 3

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

Chorus (2 times)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name. (Repeat)**

Tag

Worship your holy name, Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

WELCOME / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Leader: As Christ came to serve, so now Christ invites us to serve one another with peace and love. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

This will include in our own church and also the horrifying wars in Ukraine and in the Middle East.

UNISON PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful One, we are tired in body and soul. You teach us that your grace is sufficient, but we yearn for something more tangible. You assure us that your strength is made perfect in weakness, but our weakness feels like it is killing us. Give us humble hearts this day, that we may see beyond the surface and behold the grace you hold for us when we rest completely in your care. In Christ's name, we pray, Amen.

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PRAYER RESPONSE: "This Is Our Prayer" by Sally Ahner

INTERLUDE: "Let All Creation Resound" by Jason W. Krug / The Allegro Bells, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

ANTHEM: "Ascribe to the Lord" by Joseph M. Martin / The Aldersgate Chorale directed by Yvonne Flagg

***SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:1-9** (NIV) / Liturgist

Help These Women

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

(Liturgist) The Word of the Lord.

(All) Thanks be to God!

***HYMN:** "Thrive" by Mark Hall, Matthew West / Led by The Response

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh (repeat)

Verse 1

**Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died,
like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.**

Pre-Chorus

**So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.**

Chorus

**Just to know you, and to make you known. We lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.**

Verse 2

**Into your word we're digging deep to know our father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out to show them who you are.**

Pre-Chorus

**So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.**

Chorus

**Just to know you, and to make you known. We lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.**

Bridge

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable, anything is possible. (4X)

Chorus

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Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.**

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh (repeat)

We were made to thrive.

*** GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:25-37** (NRSV) / Liturgist

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶ He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷ He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.' ²⁸ And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?' ³⁰ Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷ He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

SERMON: "Tomorrow We Wash" / Cheryl Riggs, Ph.D.

*** INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist**

By faith we gather to worship and serve God who created us. By faith we commit ourselves to live according to a different call, as our ancestors in faith did. By faith, then, let us return our offerings to God, that we might live out our hope in God's work. (Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offering.

OFFERTORY: "Air" by Alexandre Boëly

*** OFFERING SONG: "As We Seek Your Face" / "Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / All / Led by Kris Lovekin**

**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** / Led by Liturgist

As we strive to have faith in you, O God, we give thanks for your faith in us. As we seek to make our home in you, we hope that you will find a home in us, so that all we have, all we say, all we do, may be to your glory. We pray in the name of your Son, who gives the gift of faith. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #436** "The Voice of God is Calling" by John Haynes Holmes and William Lloyd

Verse 1

**The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:
"Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?"**

Verse 2

**"I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?"**

**Verse 3 We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.**

**Verse 4 From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
take us and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!**

***BENEDICTION**

Let your lives witness to Christ's love.
Let your words bring reconciliation.
Let your thoughts be of peace.
Let your touch bring healing.
Let your actions count for justice.
Be a sign of hope and a beacon of joy.
Go wash and may God's blessing go with you.

POSTLUDE: "Toccata for a Festival" by Lani Smith

We are blessed by our worship leaders!

Organist: Robert Phillips

Liturgist: Greg Laird

Hymn Leaders: The Response Band

Interlude: The Allegro Ringers

Anthem: The Aldersgate Chorale

Guest Speaker: Cheryl Riggs, Ph.D.

Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin

Children's Moment: Christina Graves

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, Amelia Nieto,
Jim and Genette Sizer, Dianne Purkey, Pawar Singh, Mary Boon, Allison George,
Kim Austin, Claudia, Lisa Thomas, Bill McInroe, Lynn Ashworth

You are invited to submit names requesting prayers.

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Welcome!

NEW MEMBERS WELCOMING SUNDAY - November 12, 2023

**If you desire to join our church as a member,
please contact the church office
(951) 683-7831**

We would love to welcome you into our church family!



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 15

- Bell Rehearsal (S) - **8:45 a.m.**
- Chapel Prayer Group (Chapel) - **9:15-9:45 a.m.**
- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - **9:30 a.m.**
- Laity Sunday with guest speaker, Cheryl Riggs, Ph.D. / Family Sunday with The Response Band; The Allegro Ringers; The Aldersgate Chorale; and Robert Phillips, organist (Sanctuary) - **10:00 a.m.**
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 a.m.**

Monday, October 16

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

Wednesday, October 18

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - **9 a.m.**
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth (Youth Room) - **5:30 p.m.**
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **6:30 p.m.**

Thursday, October 19

- UWiF Bible Study (Zoom) - **6:45 p.m.**
- Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - **7 p.m.**

Friday, October 20

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - **7 a.m.**
- UWiF Lunch Bunch, Marie Callender's, 3505 Merrill Ave. - **11 a.m.**

Saturday, October 21

UWiF Annual Celebration (CalPac), Wilshire UMC, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles - **9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Sunday, October 22

- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - **9:30 a.m.**
- Stewardship Sunday Worship. Sermon: **"GOD'S TRUE BLESSINGS IN CHRIST"** (1 of 2) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - **10 a.m.**
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 a.m.**
- Breeze Training (Mary's Kitchen) - **11:15 a.m.**

SAVE THE DATE! Tuesday October 24 (4- 8 pm) Panera fundraiser at Riverside Plaza.

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