



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

November 26, 2023 10 am

Order of Worship

Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday / United Methodist Student Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" by Donald Busarow / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #327** "Crown Him with Many Crowns" by Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring / **All** / Led by Kris Lovekin

Verse 1

**Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

Verse 2

**Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

Verse 3

**Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

Verse 4

**Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 100, Matthew 25) / Led by Greg Laird, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.

(People) Praise God with lives of compassion.

(L) Sing with acts of kindness.

(P) Glorify God with acts of mercy.

(L) Praise God with works of justice.

(All) Praise God with overflowing love. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Colossians 1)

(Pastor) The fullness of God dwells in Christ, the one who brings peace and forgiveness.
Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

***PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE** (Adapted from Ephesians 1, Matthew 25)

**God of grace and God of glory, reveal yourself through our lives and our love.
Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day. Help us know the hope to
which we are called, that we may be the servants you craft us to be. In your glory
and grace, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Pastor J. T. Kim

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV) / Liturgist

Paul's Prayer

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule, authority, power, and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

(Liturgist) The word of God for the people of God.

(All) Thanks be to God. Amen!

ANTHEM: "Arise, My Soul, Arise!" arr. by Dale Wood / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

SERMON: "FIVE WAYS TO COMMIT (OR RE-COMMIT) YOURSELF TO CHRIST" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #3105 "In Christ Alone"** by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend / **All Verse 1**

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan
can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Psalm 100, Matthew 25) / Liturgist
(Liturgist) With hearts wide open, with spirits ready to serve and give, let us bring our gifts
and treasures to share with those in need of God's love.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Jesus Shall Reign" by Charles Callahan

***DOXOLOGY: #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken
**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 25) / Liturgist
Shepherd of love, transform these gifts into nourishment for a hungry world. May they offer shelter from the storms of life. May they bring kindness and compassion to the lost and the lonely. Transform us, even as you transform these gifts, that we might be your hands and feet in the world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #79** "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (Verses 1, 2, & 4 only)

Verse 1

**Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee.
All on earth thy scepter claim;
all in heaven above adore thee.
Infinite thy vast domain;
everlasting is thy reign.**

Verse 2

**Hark, the glad celestial hymn
angel choirs above are raising;
cherubim and seraphim,
in unceasing chorus praising,
fill the heavens with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

Verse 4

**Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit: three we name thee,
though in essence only one;
undivided God, we claim thee,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Ezekiel 34, Matthew 25)

(Pastor) Seek the lost and care for the wounded.

(Congregation) We will strengthen the weak and encourage the downtrodden.

(Pastor) Seek justice and love mercy.

(All) We will be God's mercy and love for the world. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" by Joel Raney

We are called to pray for:

Norma Nelson, Bill McInroe, Mack and Elizabeth Davis,
Rebecca Slaughter, Lisa Thomas, Lynn Ashworth's family,
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

You are invited to submit names requesting prayers.

To add names or remove names, please contact our church office: 951-683-7831.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 26

- Youth Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - **9:30 am**
- Worship - "Christ the King Sunday" (Sanctuary) - **10 am**
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 am - 11 am**
- Christmas Brunch (Fellowship Hall) - **11 am**

Monday, November 27

- SPRC meets with District Superintendent, Rev. Moonyoung Lee (Zoom) - **6 pm**
- All Church Conference, presided by District Superintendent, Rev. Moonyoung Lee (Zoom) - **7 pm**

Tuesday, November 28

- Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - **7 pm**

Wednesday, November 29

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - **9 am**
- Youth U.P.L.I.F.T. (Youth Room) - **5:30 pm**
- Pastor's Advent Bible Study (1/4) (Zoom) - **7 pm**

Thursday, November 30

- Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - **7 pm**

Friday, December 1

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - **7 am**

Sunday, December 3

- Chapel Prayer Circle (Chapel) - **9:15 am - 9:45 am**
- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - **9:30 am**
- Worship: **First Sunday of Advent (Hope)** (Sanctuary) - **10 am**
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 am - 11 am**
- Alternative Gift Fair (Fellowship Hall) - **11 am - 3 pm**
- Life Stream Blood Drive (Parking Lot) - **9 am - 3 pm**

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