

# Sunday Worship



First United Methodist Church of Riverside  
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506  
November 5, 2023 10 a.m.

## Order of Worship

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost;  
All Saints' Sunday;  
Holy Communion with Remembrance**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Shall We Gather at the River?" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

**\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #711** "For All the Saints" (Vss. 1, 2, & 6 only) by William W. How /  
All / Led by Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

**Verse 1**

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Verse 2**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Verse 6**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 149) / Led by Sarah Overton Fraser, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Come into God's presence with singing and praise.

**(People) We join the assembly of faithful followers.**

(L) Bring dancing and melody, joy, and laughter.

**(P) We gather with the great cloud of witnesses who came before us.**

(L) Sing a new song to God, even as we remember ancient wisdom.

**(All) We embrace the saints who died in faith, as we proclaim the foundation of our hope. Amen!**

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

### **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Pastor) Beloved saints, we are all God's children, made one in Christ Jesus. Let us share signs of unity and love, as we share the peace of Christ with one another. Peace be with you!

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

### **THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE** (The Prayer of Saint Francis) #481

(Pastor) Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;

**(Congregation) where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

(P) where there is injury, pardon;

**(C) where there is doubt, faith;**

(P) where there is despair, hope;

**(C) where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.**

(P) O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

**(C) to be consoled as to console;**

(P) to be understood, as to understand;

**(C) to be loved, as to love;**

(P) for it is in giving that we receive,

**(C) it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**(All) and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen!**

(Written by St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13th century)

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** "Amen" Dresden

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Lucinda Edmunds

**ANTHEM:** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" by John Goss & Henry F. Lyte, setting by John Ferguson / The Aldersgate Chorale

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:28-35** (NRSV) / Liturgist

*The Walk to Emmaus (The Ending of the Story)*

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening, and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: "JESUS: THE HEART OF GOD" (Part I)** (Sermon Series #14, "The Heart of Christianity," based on the book, *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, written by Marcus J. Borg) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #472** "Near to the Heart of God" by Cleland B. McAfee / **All Verse 1**

There is a place of quiet rest,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where sin cannot molest,  
near to the heart of God.

**Refrain:**

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,  
sent from the heart of God,  
hold us who wait before thee  
near to the heart of God.

**Verse 2**

There is a place of comfort sweet,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where we our Savior meet,  
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

**Verse 3**

There is a place of full release,  
near to the heart of God;  
a place where all is joy and peace,  
near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from Luke 6:24) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) "Woe to you who are rich!" Jesus warns, "for you have received your consolation." To find true consolation and joy in our worldly riches, we must share from our abundance with those who need it most. Come, rich or poor, for you are welcome here. Give, rich or poor, for your gifts are blessed by God.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" by Wilbur Held

**\*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 Psalm 149, Luke 6) / Led by Liturgist  
**God of abundant love, hear the song of our hearts—a song of thankfulness and  
praise, a song of hope and expectation, a song of laughter and joy, a song of mirth  
and good will. May the song of your love sing forth through our tithes and offerings,  
and through the gift of our very lives. May the joy of our hearts break forth—in acts  
of comfort to those who weep, in acts of mercy to the poor and imprisoned, in acts  
of encouragement to the weary. We ask this in the name of your Son, who opened  
our hearts to see your love. Amen.**

## **ALL SAINTS SUNDAY**

### **HOLY COMMUNION WITH REMEMBRANCE**

#### **COLLECT**

(Pastor) Timeless God, we thank you for all those before us who have kept the faith to the end. We thank you for brave souls of deathless fame, and also for those whose names are remembered only by you. Give us wisdom to understand your will, and courage to live as your people in this day, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

**(All) Amen.**

#### **INVITATION**

(Pastor) Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Adapted from Ephesians 1, Luke 6) / All  
(Pastor) Merciful God, may we never forget those who sacrificed much, that we might have lives of abundance and hope.

**(Congregation) When we take our many blessings for granted, forgive us.**

(Pastor) When we forget the many people who have touched and strengthened our lives with your love and Christ's wisdom, gently remind us.

**(C) Guide our steps, O God, that we may walk in the ways of blessedness.**

(Pastor) Strengthen our spirits, that we may trust and follow your guidance.

**(All) Amen!**

## **SILENT PRAYER / All**

### **WORDS OF GRACE AND PARDON**

(Pastor) Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**(C) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**(All) Glory to God! Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

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

(P) Lift up your hearts.

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

(P) 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, God of the saints, creator of heaven and earth. From the ancient dreams of Daniel to the journeys of Jesus, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. When your people ignored your dreams and visions, and when they placed their trust in earthly kings, you came to us as a Mighty King, revealing the truth and glory of your powerful love.

Through the law and prophets, through saints and sinners, you have taught us to be your people. In love and mercy, you speak truth and blessing, constantly renewing your covenant with us. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(All Sing)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

(Pastor) Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love in the world, to show us the path of saintliness and holy living. In humility and love, with justice and power, Christ revealed your kingdom, and calls us to kingdom living, even now.

Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led on your path of justice and righteousness, that we may rejoice with the saints of your kingdom. We, who are both saint and sinner, blessed and cursed, come to you in our joys and in our sorrows, with thanksgiving and hope, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, even when he faced the sinfulness of his disciples.

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 Sing)**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

### **PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

(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.

## MEMORIAL RITUAL

*A candle will be lit as a remembrance by a worship leader or a designated person. When Pastor says, "Absent from our midst," the Congregation responds by saying, "**Present with the Lord!**"*)

(Pastor) Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

**Donna Kidder** (February 3, 1933 – December 26, 2022)

**Virginia Brawner** (June 10, 1932 – January 3, 2023)

**Connie Smith** (March 29, 1927 – January 8, 2023)

**David Cudney** (May 5, 1940 – March 30, 2023)

**Norma Jean Grout** (August 29, 1930 – April 13, 2023)

**Teofilo Sanchez** (January 17, 1939 – May 13, 2023)

**Hilda DeSilva** (September 28, 1930 – May 23, 2023)

**Velma Wellborn** (August 13, 1922 – June 5, 2023)

**Genette Sizer** (May 20, 1942 – October 16, 2023)

**Lynn Ashworth** (May 4, 1939 – October 20, 2023)

(Pastor) *(Name)*, Absent from our midst –

**(All) Present with the Lord!**

## SILENT PRAYER FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

(Pastor) Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. 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.

**(All) Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.**

**(All Sing)**

**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, forever. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(Pastor) The life of Christ, living in you.

**(C) The love of Christ, flowing through you.**

**(All) Amen!**

(Pastor) Please take your Bread and Cup now here in the sanctuary or at your home.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:** "The Celestial Banquet" by Olivier Messiaen

## **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: #723** "Shall We Gather at the River" by Robert Lowry / **All**

### Verse 1

**Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?**

**Refrain:**

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

### Verse 2

**On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. (Refrain)**

### Verse 3

**Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. (Refrain)**

### Verse 4

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace. (Refrain)**



**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Haggai 1)

(Pastor) Go forth with courage, for God is with us.

**(Congregation) God goes with us to guide us.**

(P) Go forth with faith, for Christ is with us.

**(C) Christ goes with us to heal us.**

(P) Go forth with hope, for the Spirit makes us whole.

**(All) The Spirit goes with us to strengthen us. Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord" by James H. Johnson

## *In Our Hearts and Prayers*

Rebecca Slaughter, Kim Austin, Jim Ashworth, Lisa Thomas, Bill McInroe, Mack and Elizabeth Davis; the families of Genette Sizer, Lynn Ashworth, Clarence Bruggeman (Gary's father); our families, our neighbors, our country, and our world.

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

## *We are grateful for today's worship leaders!*

Organist: Robert Phillips

Liturgist: Sarah Overton-Fraser

Hymn Leader: Yvonne Flagg

Choir Director: Yvonne Flagg

Anthem: The Aldersgate Choir

Bells: The Allegro Ringers

Children's Moment: Lucinda Edmunds

Laity Blessings: Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

Head Usher: Matt Gorder

Altar Décor: The Décor Team

Online Greeter: Mary Herrmann

Communion Coordinator: Lee Ann Salmon

Media/Livestream Team: Dan, Carmen and

Gayla Lonsbery, Don Knowles

### **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!*

### **ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE (2023-2024)**

**Monday, November 27, 2023, 7 p.m.**

(Zoom link to be provided by East District)

Presided by East District Superintendent, Rev. Moonyoung Lee

# This Week

## **Sunday, November 5**

### **-SET CLOCKS BACK!**

- Bell rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **8:45 a.m.**
- Chapel Prayer Circle - Chapel - **9:15 - 9:45 a.m.**
- Youth Bells rehearsal - (Mary's Kitchen) - **9:30 a.m.**
- Sunday Worship - All Saints Sunday Worship with Holy Communion; sermon: **"JESUS: THE HEART OF GOD" (Part I)** (Sermon Series #14, "The Heart of Christianity," based on the book, *The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith*, written by Marcus J. Borg) Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor, (Sanctuary) - **10 a.m.**
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 a.m.**
- Breeze training (Mary's Kitchen) - **11:15 a.m.**
- Church and Society (Chandler Lounge) - **11:15 a.m.**
- UMC Missionary Katherine Parker (hosted by Missions) (Chandler Lounge) - **5 p.m.**
- Prayer Vigil for Palestine and Israel led by Cal-Pac Conference's Justice and Compassion Ministry (Zoom) - **5 p.m.**

## **Monday, November 6**

- Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom) - **7 p.m.**
- Board of Trustees Meeting (Zoom) - **7 p.m.**

## **Tuesday, November 7**

- Church Council Special Meeting (Zoom) - **5:30 p.m.**
- Bell rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **7 p.m.**

## **Wednesday, November 8**

- Parents' Morning Out Children's Ministry - (Nursery) - **9 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
- UWiF (Pricing items for AGF) (Asbury Room) - **9:30 a.m.**
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **6:30 p.m.**
- Bible Study "The Bible Year" (Zoom) - **7 p.m.**

## **Thursday, November 9**

- Church Conference reports due to office - **10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**
- UWiF Lunch Bunch (Zacatecas Mexican Café, 3767 Iowa Ave., Riverside) - **11 a.m.**
- UWiF Bible Study (LOTW 2/4) (Zoom) - **6:45 p.m.**
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - **7 p.m.**

## **Friday, November 10**

- Veteran's Day Holiday (Office and Preschool Closed)
- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - **7 a.m.**

## **Sunday, November 12**

- Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - **8:45 a.m.**
- Youth Bells rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - **9:30 a.m.**
- Worship - New Member Welcoming Sunday (Sanctuary) - **10 a.m.**
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - **10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.**
- UWiF Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall) - **11:15 a.m.**
- United Methodist Men Lunch with speaker, Earl Bogan, Interfaith Council (Fellowship Hall) - **11:30 a.m.**

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