



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

January 21, 2024 10 am

Order of Worship

Third Sunday after the Epiphany - Worship with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES / Lillian and Julia Zeeb, Acolytes

PRELUDE: "Partita on 'Amazing Grace'" by Donald Johns / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***CHORAL INTROIT:** "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" by C. Albert Scholin / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 62, Jonah 3, Mark 1) / Led by Carolyn Greywood, Liturgist
Leader: Are you listening? God is doing a new thing! Will you join in?

People: Yes! We will follow!

(L) Listen! Did you miss it? God calls us again to build the kin-dom of heaven.

Will you join in?

(P) Yes! We will be builders of the kin-dom.

(L) Wait, did you catch that? Again, God calls us to declare the good news to those in need. Will you join in?

(P) Yes! We will declare the good news with our voices and our lives.

(L) And still, God calls. God never quits calling us to live and to give abundant life. Will you join in?

(P) Yes! We will join with God in sharing the gracious gift of abundant life with the world.

ALL: May we respond to God's loving and persistent call with a loving and persistent yes! A yes for us, a yes for our neighbors, and a yes for our world to be transformed by the good news that God's kin-dom has come near. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** "Old Church Choir" by Colbe Wedgeworth, Ethan Hulse, and Zach Williams / Led by The Response

Verse 1

**There's revival and it's spreading
like a wildfire in my heart,
Sunday morning "hallelujah,"
and it's lasting all week long.
Can you hear it? Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
Once you choose it, you can't lose it.
There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!**

Chorus

**I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!**

Verse 2

**When the valleys that I wander
turn to mountains that I can't climb,
oh, you're with me; you never leave me.
'Cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!**

Chorus

**I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
Whoa oh! Whoa oh! Whoa oh! Whoa oh!**

Bridge

**Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat,
'cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (Repeat)**

Chorus

**I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!**

WELCOME / Tina Rajaratnam

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Jesus comes to us, proclaiming the good news. He challenges us to acknowledge our wandering heart and to remember that we are loved. As children, forgiven by grace, let us take time now to extend peace to one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Psalm 62, Jonah 3, Mark 1)

**God of unifying grace,
we come distracted by the world.
Our minds wander
and are filled with thoughts other than you.
Our hearts are confused,
and we are uncertain where we belong.
Call us to follow you once more.
Redeem the night and bless the day
that greets us this morning.
May your relentless ways never fail
as we strive to live as your beloved people.
Amen.**

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" by C. Albert Scholin

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

ANTHEM: "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. by Bryceson Treharne / The Aldersgate Chorale

SCRIPTURE READING: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10 / Liturgist

Conversion of Nineveh

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "River of Life" by Mac Powell, Ethan Hulse, and Jonathan Smith / The Response

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20** / Liturgist

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "Jesus, the Master Teacher" by Lucinda Edmunds

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "All the People Said Amen" by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak / **All**

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely.

When you feel afraid, you're not the only.

**We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.**

**It's all you got to lean on,
but thank God it's all you need.**

Chorus

And all the people said amen. (whoa)

And all the people said amen.

Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.

And all the people said amen.

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and He so loved the world,
He sent His son to save us all.

Chorus

And all the people said amen. (whoa)
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen.

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

Chorus

And all the people said amen. (whoa)
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen. (repeat Chorus)
And all the people said amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 62) / Liturgist

This is our time of offering, where we respond with gratitude to all that God has given us.
Now, we take a moment to consider what gifts we will bring and what commitments to
action we will make this week.
I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "Be Cheerful, My Soul" by Johann Gottfried Walther

***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** (Mark 1) / Liturgist

Restorer of divided hearts,

bless our gifts this morning.

Make our offering a path to holy living and action.

**May our very lives reflect the truth of our faith
and our commitment to your world.**

With generous hearts, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin, John Newton,
and Louie Giglio / **All**

Verse 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.**

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

**And like a flood his mercy rains,
unending love, amazing grace.**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.**

**He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

Chorus

Instrumental

Chorus

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.**

**But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.**

You are forever mine.

***UNISON CLOSING PRAYER /** Led by Kris Lovekin

Loving God, we, your beloved, go forth today in the assurance that whether we answer the first time, the second time, or the hundredth time, you never stop calling us, never stop guiding us, and never stop forming us, because your love never fails. Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" by Johann Ludwig Krebs

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Kay Otto, Norma Nelson, Mack and Elizabeth Davis, Jim Sizer, Mary Herrmann, Pat Williams, Michael Thompson, Rebecca Slaughter, Lisa Thomas, Jim Ashworth, Kim Austin, Jim Conlin, Lou Santino, family of Bill McInroe, our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

Sunday, January 21

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15-9:45 am
- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- 3rd Sunday after Epiphany Worship with The Response Band leading hymns; Lucinda Edmunds offers the Message: "Jesus, the Master Teacher" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Mismatched Potluck (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am

Monday, January 22

- Church Council Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, January 23

- Citrus Circle (Zoom) - 7 pm
- Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Wednesday, January 24

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Wednesday Nights (Youth Room) - 5:30 pm

Thursday, January 25

- UWF Bible Study, Luke:000 (4/6) (Zoom) - 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

- Flapjacks for FUMPS, Pancake Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) - 8 am - 11 am
- Empty Nesters/Outreach (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm - 7 pm

Sunday, January 28

- Youth Bells rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany, Rev. Jaeman Lim, preacher (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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