



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

February 11, 2024 10 am

Order of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Charles Callahan / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CHORAL INTROIT:** "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" by C. Albert Scholin

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 50:1-6) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

(People) Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

(L) God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

(P) And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.

(L) Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

(P) And yet, God called them down from the mountain.

(L) So we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling wholly unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

(All) God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN: #140** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Thomas O. Chisholm / Kris Lovekin,
Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Verse 2

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

WELCOME / Loretta Cudney

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

**Mighty God, stay with us always, not only in our worship,
but as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith.
By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage.
Your glory shines in the face of Christ; shine in our hearts and lives.
May your name be praised, glorious God! Amen.**

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

EPISTLE READING: Corinthians 4:1-6

Treasure in Clay Jars

¹Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing clearly the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

INTERLUDE: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" / The Allegro Ringers, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:2b-9**

The Transfiguration

²Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

ANTHEM: "O Sifuni Mungu" (All Creatures Of Our God and King); words and music by David Maddux, Marty McCall, Mmunga Mwenebulongo Mulongoy and Asukulu 'Yunu Mukalay; arranged by Roger Emerson / Kris Lovekin, soloist

Translation: Viumbe vyote vya Mungu wetu na Mfal me wetu
All creatures of our God and king

Pazeni sauti ilinasi mwimbe
Lift up your voice and sing with us

Watu wote, viumbe vyote, awaye yote, sifu Mungu
All men, all creatures, everybody praise God

Imbeni
Sing

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-5

Results of Justification

¹Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

SERMON: "Making Fine Wine from Sour Grapes" / David Fraser and Sarah Overton-Fraser

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Clara H. Scott**

Verse 1

**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Verse 2

**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

Verse 3

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist

As God has given us such a great share of blessings,
let us share our gifts with God's people.
The ushers are invited to receive our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "O God of Light" by Kevin Hildebrand

***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.**

***OFFERING PRAYER / All** (Led by Liturgist)
**Gracious God, you have given us a double share
of your Spirit ... and even more ...
more than we could ask for or ever repay.
You have blessed us with your love
and filled our lives with your grace.
Take now this offering of our hearts and our lives,
that they may be instruments
of your love and your mercy,
your justice and your grace. Amen.**

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #2173** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Graham Kendrick

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Verse 1

**Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)**

Verse 2

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)**

BLESSING

Beloved, go now in the strength and power of what you have witnessed in this place, knowing that the glory that leads us into transition also comforts us in our growing pains and sustains us as we take up our mantle and cross over to the other side. Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Christopher Tambling

We are called to pray for:

James Nuchols (who joined the Army)
Kay Otto, Norma Nelson, Mack and Elizabeth Davis, Jim Sizer,
Mary Herrmann, Pat Williams, Michael Thompson, Rebecca Slaughter,
Lisa Thomas, Jim Ashworth, Kim Austin,
Family of Bill McInroe, Family of Kathleen Longbotham,
Family of Gail Schroeder (long-time member of this church)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 11

- Allegro Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 8:45 am
- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Transfiguration Sunday Worship - Message: "Making Fine Wine from Sour Grapes"/ David Fraser and Sarah Overton-Fraser (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- United Methodist Men Lunch/Program (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am
- UWF Valentine's Day Bake and Jewelry Sale (Fireside) - 11 am

Tuesday, February 13

- SPRC Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm
- Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Wednesday, February 14

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am
- Ash Wednesday Service, Rev. Bev Devine preaches/imposition of ashes (Sanctuary) - 12 pm
- Ash Wednesday Service, Rev. Bev Devine preaches/imposition of ashes, Aldersgate Chorale (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

Thursday, February 15

- UWF Lunch Bunch (off campus) - 11 am
- Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, February 16

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 am
- Preschool closed/Presidents' Day

Saturday, February 17

- UWF East District Midwinter Event (off campus) - 10 am
- Empty Nesters/Outreach - Potluck, fellowship, and games! (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

Sunday, February 18

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- First Sunday in Lent, The Rev. Moonyoung Lee, our East District Superintendent preaching (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Distribution of Lyn Ashworth's books (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am
- All American Potluck (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am

Monday, February 19

The church office and Preschool will be closed to honor Presidents' Day.

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