



# Sunday Worship

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

April 7, 2024 10 am

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## Second Sunday of Easter - Communion Sunday

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES** / Gabe and Hanna Arguelles, Acolytes

**PRELUDE:** "Variations: O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!" by Naji Hakim

### \*TRINITY BELLS

\***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #304** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices" by William M. James and Henry T. Smart / All / Led by Phil Bremenstuhl, Hymn Leader

#### Verse 1

**Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven's choices; heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.**

#### Verse 2

**Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.**

#### Verse 3

**Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from 1 John 1, Psalm 133) / Val Othon, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Come, walk in the light.

**(People) We walk together as children of light and love.**

(L) Come, gather in the love of God.

**(P) We gather together as children of light and love.**

(L) Come, live in the unity of God's Holy Spirit.

**(All) We live together as children of light and love. Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from John 20)

(Pastor) The risen Christ comes to us and says, "Peace be with you." Let us share the love of the risen Christ with one another. Peace be with you!

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

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (Adapted from Psalm 133, 1 John 1, John 20)

**Holy One, we gather with grateful hearts**

**to remember the blessings of your light and love  
as they flow through our lives each day.**

**In this moment, open our hearts to your Holy Spirit.**

**Open our minds to the truths of your story.**

**Open our hands to welcome the risen Christ among us.**

**And open our eyes to your glory—**

**a glory reflected in the faces around us.**

**In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 20:19-23** (NRSVUE) / Liturgist

***Jesus Appears to the Disciples***

**<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**ANTHEM:** "Awake, My Soul, and Sing!" by John Purifoy

**SERMON: "PEACE BE WITH YOU!"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: "My Peace" by Keith Routledge / All**

# My Peace

Keith Routledge

My ——— peace I ——— give un - to

you. ——— It's a peace that the

world can - not give. ——— It's a

peace that the world can - not un - der -

stand. Peace to know,

peace to live. My ——— peace I

give un - to you. ———

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from Psalm 133) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) The love and light of God flow through our lives, bringing us joy and hope. With thanksgiving in our hearts, let us offer our gifts to God, the source of all our blessings.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" by Thomas Gieschen

**\*DOXOLOGY: #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken / **All**

**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 133, Acts 4) / Liturgist

**Abundant God, we are grateful for all your blessings, especially for the presence of the risen Christ. Bless these gifts, that they may help bring your love and light into our community and our world. Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Adapted from Psalm 30, Revelation 5, John 21)

(Pastor) God be with you.

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

(P) Rejoice and be glad.

**(C) We praise God with joy.**

(Pastor) Thanks be to God!

**(All) We thank God with our whole hearts!**

(Pastor) We join with every creature in heaven and on earth, every creature under the earth and in the sea, to sing your praises. You created all that is, bringing forth goodness and new life. You are at work in our world still, transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those who mourn.

Your people were not always faithful. They followed their own desires, lashing out in anger, forgetting those in need. You sent prophets to call them back to your paths, reminding them of your love, and telling them to care for one another. You were always faithful, for you loved your people.

And so we join all creation as we sing praise to you:

**(All Singing)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

(Pastor) You gave us Jesus to walk with us and to show us your love. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your ways. He showed us the abundance of your love and reminded us to share it with others.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, telling them to love one another. He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to them, saying, "This is my very being. When you eat this, remember that I am with you." He took the cup, blessed it, and gave it, saying, "This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out in abundance for you and for all people. As you drink this, remember that I am with you."

And so we offer our very selves, with glad and grateful hearts, as we proclaim this mystery:

**(All Singing)**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(Pastor) Send your spirit of abundant love upon these gifts of the earth, bread and wine. Transform them, by the power of your grace, into food for our bodies and nourishment for our souls. Send your Spirit upon us, and transform us by the power of your Wisdom, that we may become the body of Christ, feeding his lambs, and tending to his sheep. All praise is yours, God of power and might, wisdom and honor, glory and blessing. All praise is yours, now and forever.

**(All Singing)**

**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.**

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

(Pastor) For those who are here in person, you are invited to come forward to take communion elements with three options: (1) You can take the communion in a traditional way. Take a piece of Bread and dip it into the Cup, then eat it.

(2) Or you can simply take a "Fellowship Cup," which includes both elements, from the basket and eat it in your seat. It's your choice. (3) If desired, you may take a "Gluten Free Fellowship Cup" from the special basket.

For those who are at home, via online or telephone, please take your own Bread and Cup now.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:** "Meditation on 'Easter Hymn'" by Michael Bedford

### **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:** #364 "Because He Lives" by Gloria and William Gaither

#### **Verse 1**

**God sent his Son, they called him Jesus;  
he came to love, heal, and forgive;  
he lived and died to buy my pardon,  
an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

#### **Refrain**

**Because he lives, I can face tomorrow;  
because he lives, all fear is gone;  
because I know he holds the future,  
and life is worth the living just because he lives.**

#### **Verse 2**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
and feel the pride and joy he gives;  
but greater still the calm assurance,  
this child can face uncertain days because he lives. (Refrain)**

#### **Verse 3**

**And then one day I'll cross the river;  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
and then, as death gives way to victory,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he reigns. (Refrain)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Toccata on 'Regent Square'" by Lani Smith

**CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TO THE WORLD**

## *We are called to pray for:*

Virginia Bahnsen, Michael Thompson, Norma Nelson,  
Mack and Elizabeth Davis, Jim Sizer, Pat Williams, Lisa Thomas,  
Jim Ashworth, Kim Austin, Kat Franklin, Linda Rydzik,  
Richard Austin, the family of Gerald Miller,  
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world.

### **THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

#### **Sunday, April 7**

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship: Rev. J. T. Kim, preaching "Peace Be With You!" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Church and Society/Missions meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am

#### **Tuesday, April 9**

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

#### **Wednesday, April 10**

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am
- The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
- Trustees Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

#### **Thursday, April 11**

- UWF Bible Study resuming, "Fear of the Other, No Fear in Love" (1 of 5) (Zoom) - 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

#### **Friday, April 12**

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

#### **Sunday, April 14**

- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship: Rev. J. T. Kim, preaching (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- UMM Lunch - program and lunch (Fellowship Hall) - 11:15 am

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