



# Sunday Worship

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

**4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506**

**May 12, 2024 10 am**

## Order of Worship

**Ascension Sunday; Mother's Day; Festival of the Christian Home**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Prayer from Christ Ascending Towards His Father" by Olivier Messiaen / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #312** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" by Charles Wesley, Robert Williams, and David Evans / **All** / Led by Rev. Bev Devine, Hymn Leader

#### Verse 1

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!**

**To his throne above the skies, Alleluia!**

**Christ, awhile to mortals given, Alleluia!**

**Reascends his native heaven, Alleluia!**

#### Verse 2

**There the glorious triumph waits, Alleluia!**

**Lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!**

**Christ hath conquered death and sin, Alleluia!**

**Take the King of glory in, Alleluia!**

#### Verse 3

**See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!**

**Yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!**

**Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!**

**Still he calls the world his own, Alleluia!**

#### **Verse 4**

**See! he lifts his hands above, Alleluia!  
See! he shows the prints of love, Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
Blessings on his church below, Alleluia!**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 47, Ephesians 1) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Clap your hands and sing for joy!

**(People) Christ is in our midst and in our lives.**

(L) Clap your hands and sing for joy!

**(P) Christ calls us to worship and praise.**

(L) Let's worship together.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from John 17)

(Pastor) Called to be one in Christ Jesus, we are made to love one another in unity and grace. Let's share signs of unity and grace as we pass the peace of Christ with one another this day. Peace be with you!

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

#### **THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

- Honoring our mothers
- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (Adapted from Acts 1, Luke 24, John 17)

**Risen Christ, be present in our lives and in our worship. Help us recognize and celebrate your presence. Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may answer the call to be your disciples and bring your message of love to the world. Amen.**

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 17:6-19** (NRSV) / Liturgist

***Jesus' Prayer for His Disciples***

**<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.**

**9** I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. **10** All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. **11** And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. **12** While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. **14** I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **15** I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. **16** They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**ANTHEM:** "Majestic Holy One" by Cindy Berry / The Aldersgate Chorale

**SERMON: "WHEN WE ARE LIVING"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #356** "Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)," translated by Elise S. Eslinger, Roberto Escamilla, George Lockwood (verses 1-4) / **All**

**Verse 1**

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

**Verse 2**

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

**Verse 3**

**'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

**Verse 4**

**Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.  
We belong to God, we belong to God.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from Psalm 47) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) With songs of joy and hearts of love, let us bring our offerings and gifts in gratitude to God.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Come Away to the Skies" by Charles Callahan

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Adapted from Luke 24) / Liturgist

**Glorious God, may these gifts bring glory to you and grace to your world. May our lives and our ministry reflect your love, and may we spread your message of love throughout the world. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

**\*SENDING HYMN: #2188** "The Family Prayer Song" by Morris Chapman / **All**

**Verse 1**

**Come and fill our homes with your presence;  
you alone are worthy of our reverence.**

**Refrain**

**As for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord.**

**As for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord.**

**As for me and my house,  
we will serve the Lord.**

**We will serve the Lord.**

**Verse 2**

**Lord, we vow to live holy,  
bowing our knees to you only. (Refrain)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" by Wilbur Held

## *We are called to pray for:*

Jim Conlin, Virginia Bahnsen, Michael Thompson, Norma Nelson,  
Pat Williams, Lisa Thomas, Kat Franklin, Mary Negrete, Ron Tovar,  
Jim Ashworth, Kim Austin, Linda Rydzik, Richard Austin, Nan Friedley,  
the family of Stanley Thompson, the family of Bessie Ridley

## *This Week*

### **Sunday, May 12** (Mother's Day)

- Youth Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship: Ascension Sunday; The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: "WHEN WE ARE LIVING!" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Older Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) Sunday School (Youth Room) - Meet in Narthex at 10:15 am
- Faith and Fellowship Mother's Day treats (Patio) - 11:15 am
- UWF Jewelry Display (Patio) - 11:15 am

### **Tuesday, May 14**

- Bell rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm
- SPRC Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

### **Wednesday, May 15**

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- Bessie Ridley Celebration of Life - 11:30 am (Sanctuary), reception following (Fellowship Hall)
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Wednesday Nights (Youth Room) - 5:30 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, May 16**

- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

### **Friday, May 17**

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

### **Saturday, May 18**

- Empty Nesters/Outreach (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

### **Sunday, May 19**

- The Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:45 am
- Youth Bell rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 9:30 am
- Pentecost Sunday; Family Sunday with The Response; Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor, preaching: "Come, Holy Spirit" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

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