

Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside 4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506 May 19, 2024 10 am

Order of Worship

Pentecost Sunday Family Sunday with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Prelude on 'Come, Creator Spirit" by Libby Larsen / Robert Phillips, Organist

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

*TRINITY BELLS

*CHORAL INTROIT: "Come, Holy Spirit" by Mark Foreman / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Adapted from Acts 2, John 14) / Led by John McDonald, Liturgist (Liturgist) In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .

(People) the Church is born.

- (L) In courage found and faith renewed . . .
- (P) the Church gains strength.
- (L) In visions seen and dreams made real . . .
- (P) the Church blesses the world.
- (L) In hopes rekindled and fears released . . .
- (P) the Church leads the way.
- (L) In rushing wind and tongues of fire . . .
- (All) Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen!

*OPENING HYMN: "My Lighthouse" by Chris Llewellyn and Gareth Gilkeson / Led by The Response / All

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts, in my failures, you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, (whoa-oh) you are the peace in my troubled sea.

Verse 2

In the silence, you won't let go.
In the questions, your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, (whoa-oh)
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

Refrain

My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you. My lighthouse, my lighthouse, (whoa-oh) I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, (whoa-oh)
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

<u>Refrain</u>

My lighthouse, my lighthouse, shining in the darkness, I will follow you. My lighthouse, my lighthouse, I will trust the promise, you will carry me safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

Bridge

Fire before us, you're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms. Fire before us, you're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms. Fire before us, you're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms. Fire before us, you're the brightest. You will lead us through the storms. (Refrain)

WELCOME / Pastor J. T. Kim

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (John 15)

God sent the Advocate to seal the blessings of Christ in our lives. Let us claim these blessings for ourselves and for one another as we share signs of Christ's peace. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- -Celebrating Pentecost "Red" Day: Happy Birthday to the Church!
- -Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Acts 2)

God of wind and flame, ignite a fire in our hearts and fill us with your courage and power. On this day of Pentecost, may our young people see visions and our elders dream dreams. Blow open the doors of our shut-up hearts and send us into the world to spread the good news of your saving love. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen," Danish

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 11:1-9 (NRSV) / Liturgist

The Tower of Babel

¹ Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. ² And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. ³ And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks and fire them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone and bitumen for mortar. ⁴ Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." ⁵ The Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built.

⁶And the Lord said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." ⁸So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. ⁹Therefore it was called Babel, because there the Lord confused the language of all the earth, and from there the Lord scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

(Liturgist) The Word of God for the people of God.

(All) Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE: "Shout to the Lord" by Darlene Zschech / The Allegro Ringers, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV) / Liturgist

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,

that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,

and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Liturgist) The Word of God for the people of God. (All) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "Be Present, Spirit of the Lord" by Timothy Dudley-Smith and Mary Kay Beall / The Aldersgate Chorale

*GOSPEL READING: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 (NRSV) / Liturgist When the Spirit of Truth Comes

^{15:26} "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷ You also are to testify, because you have been with me from the beginning."

The Work of the Spirit

16:4b "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 about sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ! (All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON: "COME, HOLY SPIRIT" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Come, Holy Spirit" by Mark Foreman / ALL



INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 104) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) When the Spirit extends a hand, we are filled with good things. When our breath is taken away, we return to the earth. In the time we have, let us share God's bounty to the glory of our maker and for the blessing of our world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God" by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau

*OFFERING SONG: "As We Seek Your Face"/"Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / Led by Rev. Bev Devine / All

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 (Acts 2, Romans 8) / Liturgist

Merciful God, the blessings of Pentecost continue to birth hope for the future and offer blessings for those in need. May today's offering bring love and light to those who have yet to touch the holy wind and sacred fire of your Spirit. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

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

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)

<u>Refrain</u>

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 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

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 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

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.

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (Acts 2, John 15)

(Pastor) In rushing wind and cleansing fire, go forth in the power of the living God.

(Congregation) We go as children of God.

- (P) In courage found and strength renewed, go forth in the power of the eternal Christ.
- (C) We go as heirs with Christ.
- (P) In visions born and dreams restored, go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- (All) We go as new creations in the Spirit. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Fantasia in G (Abridged)" by Johann Sebastian Bach

We are called to pray for:

Allison George, Mary Herrmann, 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, John and Susan Page-Logger the family of Stanley Thompson, the family of Bessie Ridley

This Week

Sunday, May 19

- -The Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:45 am
- -Youth Bell rehearsal (MPR) 9:30 am
- -Pentecost Sunday; Family Sunday with The Response; Allegro Bells; Aldersgate Chorale; and

Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor, preaching: "COME, HOLY SPIRIT" (Sanctuary) - 10 am

-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

Monday, May 20

-Finance Meeting (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 21

- -Parents' Morning Out/Summer Session (Nursery) 9 am 12 pm
- -Staff Meeting (Conf. Rm.) 10 am
- -UWF Lunch Bunch (Off Campus) 11:00 am
- -Bell rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7 pm

Wednesday, May 22

- -Parents' Morning Out/Summer Session (Nursery) 9 am 12 pm
- -The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 23

- -Parents' Morning Out/Summer Session (Nursery) 9 am 12 pm
- -Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) 7 pm

Friday, May 24

- -Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) 7 am
- -Graveside Service for Stanley Thompson, Riverside National Cemetery, Rev. J.T. Kim officiating 11:30 am

Saturday, May 25

-UWF Serendipity Circle (Chandler Lounge) – 10 am

Sunday, May 26

- -The Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:45 am
- -Youth Bell rehearsal (MPR) 9:30 am
- -Worship, Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor, preaching: "HERE AM I; SEND ME!" (Sanctuary) 10 am
- -Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) 10:15 am
- -Youth Sunday School (YC) 10:15 am
- -The Habit Grill Fundraiser 3555 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite S100 11 am 9:30 pm

Must show flyer or mention fundraiser to server or show on cell phone/ Church will earn 20% of sales

Monday, May 27

-Memorial Day holiday - The whole church campus is closed.

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