



# Sunday Worship

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

May 5, 2024 10 am

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## **Sixth Sunday of Easter - Communion Sunday**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #89** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Henry Van Dyke / **All** /  
Led by Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

#### Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

#### Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

### Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

### Verse 4

Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 98) / Jennifer Mahl, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Sing to our God a new song,

**(People) for God has done wondrous things.**

(L) The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,

**(P) but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.**

(L) These gifts are not for us alone;

**(P) they are for one and all.**

(L) Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**(P) Break forth into songs of praise.**

(L) Let all creation praise the Lord.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from John 15)

(Pastor) As God has loved us, so shall we love each other. As Christ has called us friends, so we have become friends to one another. Let us abide in God's love together now, sharing both friendship and peace. Peace be with you!

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

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- We are grateful for Karen Wilson's 20 years of leadership as teacher and director of FUMC Preschool. Today we also honor and celebrate her retirement.
- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## PASTORAL PRAYER

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 15:9-17** (NRSV) / Liturgist

*Love One Another*

**<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.**

**<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**ANTHEM:** "The Word of Life" by John L. Bell / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

**SERMON:** "YOU ARE MY FRIENDS!" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #526** "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" / **All**

**Verse 1**

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!**

**What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!**

**O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.**

## Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

## Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Adapted from Acts 10) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) The Holy Spirit's gifts have been poured into our hearts and our lives. In response, let us share these blessings for the good of God's people.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Offertory on 'Dennis'" by Gordon Young

**\*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 Acts 10, Psalm 98, John 15)

**O God, our hearts sing with thanksgiving for the many gifts and graces you bring to our lives. We give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithful Spirit. Receive this offering and the gift of our whole selves, that we might give as we have received and love as we have been loved. 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.**

(Pastor) Rejoice and be glad.

**(Congregation) 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 may 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:** "Partita on 'Hymn to Joy'" by Charles Callahan

### **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: #557** "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" by John Fawcett

**Verse 1**

**Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above.**

**Verse 2**

**Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**

**Verse 3**

**We share each other's woes,  
our mutual burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.**

**Verse 4**

**When we asunder part,  
it gives us inward pain;  
but we shall still be joined in heart,  
and hope to meet again.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "Joy" by C. Alexander Peloquin**

*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, the family of Elizabeth Davis,  
the family of Stanley Thompson, the family of Bessie Ridley

## *This Week*

### **Sunday, May 5**

- UMM Silent Auction begins
- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Youth Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship: Holy Communion; The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: "YOU ARE MY FRIENDS!" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Church and Society/Missions Meeting (Chandler Lounge) 11:15 am

### **Monday, May 6**

- Trustees (Zoom) - 7 pm
- Worship Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm

### **Tuesday, May 7**

- Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

### **Wednesday, May 8**

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

### **Thursday, May 9**

- UWF Bible Study (Fear of the Other, No Fear in Love) (4 of 5) (Zoom) - 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

### **Friday, May 10**

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

### **Saturday, May 11**

- Cal-Pac East District Conference (Zoom) - 1 pm

### **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



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