



# Sunday Worship

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

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

**February 18, 2024 10 am**

## Order of Worship

**First Sunday in Lent**

**Family Sunday with The Response**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

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

**PRELUDE:** "Variations on a Hymn for Lent" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

**\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*CHORAL INTROIT:** "Seek the Lord" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3) / Led by Sarah Overton-Fraser, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Bring your lives, full of sorrow and joy.

Bring yourselves, full of hope and despair.

**(People) We come in our brokenness, ready for fullness of life.**

**We stay in our weakness, ready to receive strength  
and the power of God.**

**Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" by Rick Doyle Founds

**Lord, I lift your name on high.**

**Lord, I love to sing your praises.**

**I'm so glad you're in my life.**

**I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth**

**To show the way,**

**From the earth to the cross**

**My debt to pay,**

**From the cross to the grave,**

**From the grave to the sky,**

**Lord, I lift your name on high.**

**(REPEAT ALL)**

***Instrumental***

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**Lord, I lift your name on high.**

**Lord, I lift your name on high. (Repeat)**

**WELCOME** / Tina Rajaratnam

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (2 Corinthians 4)

The one who said, "Let light shine," has shone in our hearts and illumined our lives with knowledge of the glory of God through the face of Jesus Christ. Let us share this grace and peace with one another.

Jesus comes to us, proclaiming the good news. He challenges us to acknowledge our wandering heart and to remember that we are loved. As children, forgiven by grace, let us take time now to extend peace to one another. Peace be with you!

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

## **THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

-Sharing of Joys & Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Unison)** (Genesis 9, Psalm 25, 1 Peter 3) / Liturgist

**Source of hope, bring us into the presence of hope.**

**Inspire us with the strength of faith.**

**Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace,**

**that our hope may be renewed**

**as we learn to trust your promise and love.**

**Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** "Give Ear to Our Prayer, O God" by Hal H. Hopson

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**ANTHEM:** "This Little Light of Mine," African-American spiritual arr. by Mark Patterson, with Josh Ponnuraju, tambourine / The Aldersgate Chorale

**PSALM 25:1-10** (NRSVUE) / Liturgist

*Prayer for Guidance and for Deliverance*

Of David.

**<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**

**<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust;**

**do not let me be put to shame;**

**do not let my enemies exult over me.**

**<sup>3</sup>Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;**

**let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

**<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;**

**teach me your paths.**

- <sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all day long.**
- <sup>6</sup>Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**
- <sup>7</sup>Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**
- <sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**
- <sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right  
and teaches the humble his way.**
- <sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!

**(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**SERMON:** "The Ways of the Lord" by Rev. Moonyoung Lee, East District Superintendent

**INTERLUDE:** "Lead On, Good Shepherd" by Frankie Orella, Patrick Mayberry and Paul Duncan / The Response

**\*GOSPEL Mark 1:9-15** (NRSVUE) / Liturgist

*The Baptism of Jesus*

**<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove upon him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

*The Testing of Jesus*

**<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tested by Satan, and he was with the wild beasts, and the angels waited on him.**

*The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry*

**<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news."**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "People Get Ready" by Curtis Mayfield / Led by The Response

Verse 1

People get ready, there's a train a-coming  
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board  
All you need is faith to hear the diesels humming  
Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord

Verse 2

People get ready, there's a train to Jordan  
Picking up passengers from coast to coast  
Faith is the key, open the doors and board them  
There's hope for all among those loved the most

Guitar solo

Verse 3

There ain't no room for the hopeless sinner  
Who would hurt all mankind just to save his own  
Have pity on those whose chances grow thinner  
So there's no hiding place against the kingdom's throne

Verse 4

People get ready, there's a train a-coming  
You don't need no baggage, you just get on board  
All you need is faith to hear the diesels humming  
Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord  
Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord  
Don't need no ticket, you just thank the Lord

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Genesis 1, Mark 1) / Liturgist

As symbols of love and signs of hope, let us bring our gifts and offerings to God.  
I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

**OFFERTORY:** "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee" by Georg Böhm

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

**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** (Genesis 1, Psalm 25) / Liturgist

**Trustworthy and trusting God,  
thank you for entrusting us with this good earth.  
Thank you for sharing your gifts with us.**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN: "All the People Said Amen"** by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak /  
**All**

Verse 1

**You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy,  
to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you got to lean on,  
but thank God it's all you need.**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)  
And all the people said amen.  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.  
And all the people said amen.**

Verse 2

**If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall,  
and He so loved the world,  
He sent His son to save us all. Chorus**

Bridge

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,  
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)  
And all the people said amen.  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends.  
And all the people said amen. (repeat Chorus)  
And all the people said amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION** (Genesis 9, Mark 1) / Rev. Moonyoung Lee

Go to be signs of hope for all the world to see:

rainbows in the clouds,

waters in the desert,

love in a world of hate.

Go to be signs of hope for all the world to know.

**POSTLUDE:** "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" by Johann Ludwig Krebs

*In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

Virginia Bahnsen, Michael Thompson, James Nuchols,  
Kay Otto, Norma Nelson, Mack and Elizabeth Davis, Jim Sizer,  
Mary Herrmann, Pat Williams, Rebecca Slaughter, Lisa Thomas,  
Jim Ashworth, Kim Austin, Family of Gail Schroeder

# This Week

## **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, East District Superintendent, preaching (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Distribution of Lynn Ashworth's books (Patio) - 11 am
- All American Potluck (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am

## **Monday, February 19**

- President's Day - Preschool closed
- President's Day - Whole campus is closed
- Citrus Circle (Zoom) - 7 pm

## **Tuesday, February 20**

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

## **Wednesday, February 21**

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Wednesday Nights (Youth Room) - 5:30 pm
- The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
- Lenten Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall) - 6:00 pm
- Distribution of Lynn Ashworth's books (Fellowship Hall) - 6:00 pm

## **Thursday, February 22**

- Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) - 7 pm

## **Friday, February 23**

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

## **Saturday, February 24**

- Serendipity (Chandler Lounge) - 10 am

## **Sunday, February 25**

- Worship - 2nd Sunday in Lent, Dr. Lynn Wright, speaker (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Distribution of Lynn Ashworth's books (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am
- The Habit Fundraiser - 3555 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite S - 11 am to 7 pm  
(Present flyer or show offer on phone to cashier)



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