



He is risen!
Alleluia!

*Easter Sunday
Worship*

March 31, 2024

First United Methodist Church of Riverside
4845 Brockton Ave. Riverside, CA 92506

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "In the Bulb There Is a Flower" by Roberta Rowland-Raybold / Robert Phillips,
Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***INTROIT:** "Easter Fanfare" by E. E. Ferguson / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by
Yvonne Flagg; accompanied by Brass Ensemble and Robert Phillips, Organist)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Acts 10, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 15, Mark 16) / Steve Kerrick, Liturgist
(Liturgist) This very day, God has acted.

(Congregation) Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

(L) We know the message that God sends to all people.

**(C) God's peace, preached by Jesus Christ,
is available to all through the Lord of life.**

(L) The one who lived among us,

(C) doing good and healing all,

(L) was crucified, dead and buried.

(C) But God raised him on the third day.

(L) This very day, God has acted.

(C) Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

***OPENING HYMN: #302** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" (vss. 1-4) by Charles Wesley / **All**
/ Led by Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Verse 2

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

Verse 3

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's the victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

Verse 4

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

WELCOME / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Adapted from Acts 10)

God sends this message of joy to all people, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, the Lord of all. Let us share this holy peace with one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER / Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Acts 10, Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 15)

**God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead,
you offer us new and transformed lives
in the risen Christ.**

**We rejoice and give thanks for this good news,
which has been handed down to us
from generation to generation.**

**May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus,
whom you anointed with the Holy Spirit
to bring blessings of mercy and healing.**

**May we be witnesses of Jesus' suffering and death,
and how he meets us in the broken places
of our lives.**

**Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection,
sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people.**

This is your doing, O God.

It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

INTERLUDE: "Christ Arose" by Sandra Eithun / The Allegro Ringers (Directed by Gayla Lonsbery; Robert Phillips, Piano)

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8** (NRSV) / Liturgist

The Resurrection of Jesus

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "He Is Not Here!" by Russell Nagy / The Aldersgate Chorale

MESSAGE: "Surprise!" / by Erin Hawkins, Executive Director of Connectional Ministries of California-Pacific Conference

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #310 "He Lives"** by Alfred H. Ackley / **All**

Verse 1

**I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him, he's always near.**

Refrain

**He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives),
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives),
salvation to impart!
You asked me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.**

Verse 2

In all the world around me I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing will come at last. [Refrain]

Refrain

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Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives (he lives), he lives (he lives),
salvation to impart!
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He lives within my heart.

Verse 3

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;
none other is so loving, so good and kind. [Refrain]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Friends, God has opened the gates of righteousness. Let us accept God's invitation and offer gifts of thanksgiving in Christ's name.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Now the Green Blade Riseth" by Michael Bedford

***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 / All / Liturgist**

Gracious God, use our gifts to share your word of hope, your promise of forgiveness, and your blessings with all creation. Grateful for your love, we offer ourselves that we might walk with our neighbors into your garden of love. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

BLESSING / Erin Hawkins

Because the tomb is empty, your life can be full,
so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.
Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.
Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.
Alleluia and Amen!

***POSTLUDE:** "Hallelujah Chorus" from "Messiah" by George Frideric Handel / The Aldersgate Chorale, Brass Ensemble, and Robert Phillips, Organist

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 31

- Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:45 am
- Easter Worship - Aldersgate Chorale, Brass Ensemble, Allegro Ringers; Guest Speaker: Erin Hawkins (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Easter Egg Hunt and Butterfly Release (Front Lawn) - 11 am

Monday, April 1

- Pastor J. T. Kim returns from his sabbatical to his ministry and to his office on April 1.
- Preschool closed - Teachers' Inservice Day
- Worship Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth (Youth Room) - 5:30 pm
- The Response Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 4

- Aldersgate Chorale Rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, April 5

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

Sunday, April 7

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- 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
- Church and Society/Missions meeting (Fellowship Hall) - 11:15 am



Easter Lily Dedications

In memory of Cliff Berger
by Margaret Berger

In memory of O. L. Brawner
by Becki Brawner

In memory of Virginia Brawner
by Becki Brawner

In honor of our children, Michael Cudney, Jana Cudney,
Lisa and Anthony Zaldivar, and our grandchildren, Alyssa and Christopher
by Loretta Cudney

In memory of Dave Cudney - dearly-loved husband, dad, granddad,
brother, uncle, cousin and friend
by Loretta Cudney

In memory of Albert Fraser, Helen Fraser, Charles B. Overton,
Maude L. Ward, June G. Ward-Overton
by David Fraser & Sarah Overton-Fraser

In honor of the children
by Christina Graves

In memory of my dear parents, Gordon and Virginia House
by Carolyn Greywood



In memory of Pastor Kim's mother, Cha Sun Kim, and sister, Kay Moon
by Rev. J. T. Kim and family

In memory of Rev. Kiyoung Park and Haekwang Lee
by Jaeman and Angela Lim

In honor of the Zeeb family
by Cindy Marr

In honor of the Bong family
by Cindy Marr

In honor of the Reupert family
by Cindy Marr

In memory of my parents, Clint and Gerry Marr
by Cindy Marr

In memory of Laurel McDonald
dedicated by her family

In memory of Kathleen Phillips
by Robert Phillips

In honor of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Kim
by Rev. Roy and Cheryl Riggs



In memory of our family members present with the Lord
by Rev. Roy and Cheryl Riggs

In honor of my sister and 105-year-old aunt
by Linda Rydzik

In memory of my parents and grandparents
by Linda Rydzik

In memory of Bruce and Manette Tomlinson, and Judy Lamers
by Brian and Susan Tomlinson

In honor of Kris and Steve Lovekin
by Pat Williams

In honor of Val and Mike Othon
by Pat Williams

In memory of Richard Williams
by Pat Williams

In memory of Laurie Williams
by Pat Williams

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