



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

April 21, 2024 10 am

Order of Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Family Sunday with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

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

PRELUDE: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CHORAL INTROIT:** "Easter Fanfare" by E. E. Ferguson / The Aldersgate Chorale
(Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Adapted from Psalm 23, 1 John 3, John 10) / Led by Daryl Salmon, Liturgist
(Liturgist) The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

(People) We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

(L) Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

(P) We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

(L) Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

(P) We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

(L) Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

(All) We will love one another, as Christ loves us. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: "This Is Amazing Grace" by Josh Farro, Phil Wickham and Jeremy Riddle**

Verse 1

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness,
whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Verse 2

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace,
this is unfailing love,
that you would take my place,
that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life
that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.**

Verse 3

**Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.**

Verse 4

**Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace,
this is unfailing love,
that you would take my place,
that you would bear my cross.
You laid down your life
that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me.**

Bridge

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
And worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
And worthy is the King who conquered the grave!
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain! Worthy, worthy, worthy!**

Chorus

**This is amazing grace,
this is unfailing love,
that you would take my place,
that you would bear my cross.**

**You laid down your life
that I would be set free.**

**Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me,
all that you've done for me.**

**Jesus, I sing for all that you've done for me,
all that you've done for me.**

WELCOME / Pastor J. T. Kim

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Adapted from Psalm 23, 1 John 3)

(Pastor) May the peace of Christ make you ready for love to flow around and through you. May you boldly share his love as you pass the peace of Christ with one another this day. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Unison) (Adapted from Psalm 23) / Liturgist

Shepherding God, guardian of our souls, you offer us rest in the safety of green pastures. Shower us with your love and offer us fullness of life in your name. When our spirits are parched, you lead us beside still waters and quench our thirst for righteousness; you restore our souls and heal our battered spirits. Touch our hearts and minds, that your goodness and mercy may follow us every day of our lives. May we abide in your love and grace for all eternity. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

INTERLUDE: "Nobody" by Bernie Herms, Douglas Williams, Leonard Williams, Mark Hall, Matthew West, and Melvin Williams / The Response

***GOSPEL READING: John 10:11-18** (NRSV) / Liturgist

The Good Shepherd

¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: “Mercy Tree” by Michael William Neale and Krissy Nordhoff, arr. by Joseph M. Martin / The Aldersgate Chorale

SERMON: “ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD” / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #381** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” by Dorothy A. Thrupp and William B. Bradbury / Led by Pastor Kim and The Response

Verse 1

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.**

Verse 2

**We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

Verse 3

**Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.**

Verse 4

**Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Ps 23, John 10) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Let us offer our heartfelt gifts, to the Compassionate Shepherd, as signs of our utmost gratitude for the life, love, and grace that we have been given.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Shepherd Me, O God" by Jeffrey Honoré

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

**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** (Adapted from Psalm 23, John 10) / Liturgist

As the Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep, may we, too, strive to serve our neighbors. Whether next door, across town, or around the world, may God bless our prayers, our gifts, and our ministries. In Christ's name, we present these gifts. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** "Soul on Fire" by Brenton Brown, David Carr, Mac Powell, Mark Lee, Matt Maher and Tai Anderson

Chorus

**God, I'm running for your heart,
I'm running for your heart,
'til I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for your ways.
I'm waiting for the day
when I am a soul on fire,
'til I am a soul on fire.**

Instrumental

Chorus

**God, I'm running for your heart,
I'm running for your heart,
'til I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for your ways.
I'm waiting for the day
when I am a soul on fire,
'til I am a soul on fire.**

Verse 1

**Lord, restore the joy I had.
I have wandered, bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through
until all I see is you, yeah!**

Chorus

**God, I'm running for your heart,
I'm running for your heart,
'til I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for your ways.
I'm waiting for the day
when I am a soul on fire,
'til I am a soul on fire.**

Bridge

**Lord, let me burn for you again!
Let me return to you again!
Lord, let me burn for you again!
Let me return to you again!**

Chorus

God, I'm running for your heart,
I'm running for your heart,
'til I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for your ways.
I'm waiting for the day
when I am a soul on fire.
God I'm running for your heart,
I'm running for your heart
'til I am a soul on fire,
'til I am a soul on fire,
'til I am a soul on fire.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" by Dale Wood

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Jim Conlin, Virginia Bahnsen, Michael Thompson, Norma Nelson, Pat Williams, Lisa Thomas, Jim Ashworth, Kim Austin, Linda Rydzik, Richard Austin, the family of Gerald Miller, the family of Elizabeth Davis, and the family of Stanley Thompson

This Week

Sunday, April 21

- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship, Fourth Sunday of Easter, "ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD," The Rev. J. T. Kim preaching (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

Monday, April 22

- Church Council (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, April 23

- Gerald Miller Celebration of Life (Sanctuary) - 10 am; reception (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am; Entombment Service (Olivewood Cemetery) - 1:30 pm
- Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm
- Citrus Circle (Chandler Lounge) - 7 pm

Wednesday, April 24

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

Thursday, April 25

- UWF Bible Study, "Fear of the Other, No Fear in Love" (3 of 5) (Zoom) - 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, April 26

- UMM Silent Auction begins today and ends 6/2/24
- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 am
- UWF Yard Sale Prep (Asbury) - 9 am
- Retirement Party for Karen Wilson, FUMPS Director (Youth Patio) - 5:30 pm
- FUMPS Open House (Preschool) - 5:30 pm

Saturday, April 27

- UWF participating in Wood Streets Yard Sale (front lawn) - 8 am

Sunday, April 28

- Youth Bells Rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 9:30 am
- Worship, Fifth Sunday of Easter, "SCHOOL OF LOVE," The Rev. J. T. Kim preaching (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Older Youth (6th-12th grades) Sunday School (Youth Room) - Meet in Narthex at 10:15 am
- The Habit Fundraiser - 3555 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite S - 11 am to 9:30 pm (Present flyer/show offer)

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