



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

May 26, 2024 10 am

Order of Worship

Peace with Justice Sunday; Trinity Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Adagio for Strings" by Samuel Barber / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #64 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" / **All** / Kris Lovekin,
Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Verse 2

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Verse 3

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

Verse 4

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 29) / Led by Steve Kerrick, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Who is like our God in glory and strength?

(People) The voice of the Lord thunders over the waters.

(L) Who is like the Lord in power and might?

(P) The voice of God breaks the mighty cedars.

(L) Who is like the Holy One in awe and wonder?

(P) The voice of the Almighty shakes the wilderness.

(L) God sits enthroned as King forever.

(P) Worship God in holy splendor.

(L) Come! Let us worship the Lord.

(All) Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Romans 8)

(Pastor) Adopted with Christ into the family of God, let us offer thanks and praise as we share signs of Christ's peace today. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (Memorial Day)

Leader: There seems to be very little in our world today that is holy, O God; our media are filled with accounts of war and crime and violence.

People: We live our lives with such busyness that we forget to have a sense of wonder, or to see you working behind the scenes in everything that happens.

(L) Help us to be more sensitive, dear God; teach us to celebrate your presence in all things.

(P) Show us how to be more like little children, who take delight in the small things and realize how miraculous they are.

(L) Enable us to see you even in the unpleasantness of war and deprivation, in the struggles that engulf our lives and command all our energies.

(P) For you are literally the God of everything, of the darkness as well as the light, of death as well as life, and being able to see you in such contradictions is part of the faith we are trying to live.

(All) Therefore we praise you, O God, and beseech you to live among us as our Lord, a very present help in time of trouble. Amen.

(Adapted from "God's People at Prayer," written by John Killinger)

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

"Here Am I; Send Me!"

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound" by Healey Willan / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READING: John 3:14-17 (NIV) / Liturgist**

For God So Loved the World

¹⁴ "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "HERE AM I; SEND ME!" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #593 "Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Schutte / All**

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. It is I, Lord.
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Isaiah 6:8) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" In light of Isaiah's offering of himself to the Lord, now is the time for us to offer our gifts to God.

(All) Amen!

(L) I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "O Trinity of Blessed Light" by Matthias Weckmann

***DOXOLOGY:** #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken
**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** (John 3)

O Lord God, these offerings we make here are tokens; they represent our love for you. We thank you for your Spirit's gifts to us, so mysterious, bountiful, and astounding. They are blessings upon blessings. These blessings reveal your presence among us as the merciful, holy, and loving one. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" by Omer Westendorf / All**

Verse 1

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended. O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

Verse 2

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Isaiah 6)

(Pastor) Who will go to serve our God?

(Congregation) Even when we feel fearful, we will go to serve the Lord.

(P) Who will go to serve our neighbors?

(C) Even when we feel unworthy, we will go to serve our sisters and brothers.

(P) Who will go to serve our world?

(C) Even when we feel unprepared, we will go to serve God's people.

(P) We are your servants, Lord.

(All) Send us. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Toccata on 'Nicaea'" by Page Long

We are called to pray for:

Rebecca Slaughter, Allison George, Barbara Jo Wilson, Mary Herrmann, John and Susan Logger, Matt Gorder, 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 Stanley Thompson

This Week

Sunday, May 26

- Youth Bell rehearsal (MPR) - 9:30 am
- Worship: Peace with Justice Sunday, Trinity Sunday, Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: "HERE AM I; SEND ME!" (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)

Monday, May 27

Memorial Day - Church campus is closed.

Tuesday, May 28

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm
- UWF Citrus Circle (Chandler Lounge) - 7 pm

Wednesday, May 29

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
- Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

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

Sunday, June 2

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Youth Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship: 2nd Sunday After Pentecost, Holy Communion, The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: "THIS TREASURE IN CLAY JARS" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Website Focus Group Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:15 am
- Church & Society/Missions Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
- Silent Auction ends!
- VBS begins tomorrow! Monday, June 3rd - 9am - 12pm

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