



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside
4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Order of Worship

June 16, 2024 10 am

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Family Sunday with The Response;
Father's Day; Graduate Sunday**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Variations on an American Hymn Tune," Parts 1-4, by Gordon Young / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CHORAL INTROIT:** "This Is the Day" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Mark 4, 2 Corinthians 5) / Led by Sarah Overton-Fraser, Liturgist
(Liturgist) God of covenant love,

(People) we praise you for planting seeds of your love within Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants.

(L) God of incarnate love,

(P) we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created among us.

(L) God of welcoming love,

(P) we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.

(L) God of everlasting love,

(All) we worship you, we love you, and we honor you with all that we are. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King" by John Wyeth, Robert Robinson and Thomas Miller / All / Led by The Response

Verse 1

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

Verse 2

**I was lost in utter darkness,
'til you came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when
your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song.
Now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me,
and I'll never be alone.**

Verse 3

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

WELCOME / Pastor J. T. Kim

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Psalm 20)**

(Pastor) May God grant your heart's desire! Share this hope as you exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Honoring our fathers
- Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Mark 4)

Holy God, we humble our hearts before you in thanksgiving and awe. For by your mercy, we find ourselves at home in the branches of your family tree. We discover ourselves to be a people with a love that never fails. We find ourselves within your grand love story for all time and all creation. Whom can we thank but you, for such great mercy? Bring your kingdom into our midst as we worship you this day. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen," Danish

CHILDREN'S MOMENT, HONORING OUR GRADUATES / Lucinda Edmunds

COLLEGE - Alyssa Zaldivar - University of California San Diego, Bachelor of Arts in Literature

HIGH SCHOOL

Preston Hanson - Martin Luther King High School. He will be attending Riverside City College.

Christopher Zaldivar - Bonita High School. He will be attending University of California Riverside.

INTERLUDE: "You Are So Good to Me" by Don Chaffer, Ben Pasley, and Robin Pasley

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-34** (NRSVUE) / Liturgist

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The Use of Parables

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "You Are the Song" by Joseph M. Martin / The Aldersgate Chorale

SERMON: "SCATTER AND GATHER" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship your holy name.

Verse 1

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.**

**Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)**

Verse 2

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and your heart is kind.

**For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)**

Verse 3

**And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come.**

**Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

(Chorus - 2 times)

I'll worship your holy name.

Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 104) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) When the Spirit extends a hand, we are filled with good things. When our breath is taken away, we return to the earth. In the time we have, let us share God's bounty to the glory of our maker and for the blessing of our world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Variations on an American Hymn Tune," Parts 5-6, by Gordon Young

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

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** (Psalm 20, Mark 4) / Liturgist

This is our heart's desire, loving God, that you would take our money and our time, our prayers, and our service, and transform them into the currency of your kingdom. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, and Louie Giglio / **All**

Verse 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.**

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

**And like a flood his mercy rains,
unending love, amazing grace.**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.**

**He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures. (Chorus)**

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.**

**But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine.**

You are forever mine.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Variations on an American Hymn Tune," Part 7, by Gordon Young

We are called to pray for:

Jeff Bruns, Peggy Haught, Rebecca Slaughter, Nan Friedley, Mary Herrmann, John and Susan Logger, Michael Thompson, Kat Franklin, Mary Negrete, Ron Tovar, Linda Rydzik, Ruth Martinez, Reupert family, LJ and Joy Arguelles, the Copley family

This Week

Sunday, June 16

- Worship: Father's Day; Graduation Sunday; Family Sunday with The Response; Aldersgate Chorale; and Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor, preaching: "SCATTER AND GATHER" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Father's Day Cake Walk and Sock Toss - 11:15 am

Monday, June 17

- Pastor Kim on Vacation (6/17-6/30)
- UWF Lunch Bunch (Backstreet Café, 3735 Nelson St., Riverside) - 11 am
- Finance Meeting (Zoom) - 5:30 pm
- Education Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, June 18

- Parents' Morning Out/Summer Session (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm

Wednesday, June 19

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

Thursday, June 20

- Parents' Morning Out/Summer Session (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm

Friday, June 21

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

Sunday, June 23

- Worship: Music Appreciation Sunday, Aldersgate Chorale, The Bell Tree with The Response, Claire Jefferson Glipa, guest speaker (Sanctuary) - 10 am
 - Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
 - Youth Sunday School (YC) - 10:15 am
 - Website Focus Group (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:15 am
 - The Habit Grill Fundraiser - 3555 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite S100 - 11 am - 9:30 pm
- Must show flyer or mention fundraiser to server or show on cell phone. Church will earn 20% of sales.

Thursday, July 4

- Independence Day Holiday
- The church campus is closed.
- Parking lot gate opens at 6 pm for fireworks at 9 pm

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