



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

June 2, 2024 10 am

Second Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "All Glory Be to God on High" by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau, Andreas Nikolaus Vetter, and Johann Gottfried Walther / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #374 "Standing on the Promises" by R. Kelso Carter / **All** / Led by Phil Bremenstuhl, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Verse 2

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

Verse 3

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Verse 4

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (2 Samuel 3, Psalm 139, 2 Corinthians 4:6) / Led by Daryl Salmon, Liturgist (Liturgist) The One who called Samuel from the darkness continues to say: "Let light shine out of darkness."

(Congregation) The light of Christ shines all around us.

(L) The One who searches us and knows us hems us in, behind and before.

(C) We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

(L) Let us worship a God who surprises us at every turn.

(All) Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Mark 2-3)

(Pastor) The Lord of the Sabbath invites us to reach out to one another and share his blessing of peace this day. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Mark 2-3)

Lord of the Sabbath, when our spirits feel withered, we yearn to touch your healing power. Be with us in our hour of need and become the joy of our salvation. Our mouths long to sing your praise and our eyes long to behold your glory. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

BLESSINGS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (COMMISSIONING OF VOLUNTEERS)

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 (NRSVUE) / Liturgist

Treasure in Clay Jars

⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. ¹¹For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. ¹²So death is at work in us but life in you.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Spirit of God, Descend" by Frederick C. Atkinson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 2:23-3:6** (NRSVUE) / Liturgist

Pronouncement about the Sabbath

^{2:23}One Sabbath he was going through the grain fields, and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food, ²⁶how he entered the house of God when Abiathar was high priest and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions?" ²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for humankind and not humankind for the Sabbath, ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Jesus Heals the Man with a Withered Hand

^{3:1} Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They were watching him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent.

⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand."

He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "THIS TREASURE IN CLAY JARS" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #2174 "What Does the Lord Require of You" by Jim Strathdee (3 times) / **All**

What Does the Lord Require of You 2174

1. Unison 2. Men

What does the Lord re - quire of you?

2. Women

To seek jus - tice and love kind - ness

Repeat as desired.

What does the Lord re - quire of you? you?

and walk hum - bly with your God. God.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 139, 2 Corinthians 4) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) As those who are fearfully and wonderfully made, let us share the blessings of our maker with those who need God's light and glory in their lives.

(All) **Amen!**

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

OFFERTORY: "Intermezzo No. 4" by Hermann Schroeder

***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** (Mark 2-3, 2 Corinthians 4) / Liturgist
Though we are vessels of clay, your light shines through us when we share what we have with those in need. May today's offering be like the bread of presence that feeds the hungry and satisfies the soul. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

INVITATION

(Pastor) Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(All) Spirit of wind and flame, you set us free from prisons of our own making, yet we cling to the fears that jail us. Source of living water, you draw us to Christ, that our hearts may overflow with living water, yet we shun the intimacy of your invitation. Come once more in rushing wind and cleansing fire, that we may embrace your gifts in service to a world in need. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

PARDON

(Pastor) Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(Congregation) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(All) Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

(Congregation) And also with you.

(P) Lift up your hearts.

(C) We lift them up to God.

(P) Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

(C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(P) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All Singing)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

(Pastor) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All Singing)

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, showing forth the fruit of the Spirit until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

(All Singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

(All) Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

GIVING & SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Pastor) For those who are here in person, you are invited to come forward to take communion elements with three options: (1) You can take the communion in a traditional way. Take a piece of Bread and dip it into the Cup, then eat it. (2) Or you can simply take a "Fellowship Cup," which includes both elements, from the basket and eat it in your seat. It's your choice. (3) If desired, you may take a "Gluten Free Fellowship Cup" from the special basket.

For those who are at home, via online or telephone, please take your own Bread and Cup now.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: "Communion" by Louis Vierne

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** #670 "Go Forth for God" by John R. Peacey

Verse 1

**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

Verse 2

**Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.**

Verse 3

**Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.**

Verse 4

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata on 'Go Forth for God'" by David Maxwell

We are called to pray for:

Jeff Bruns, Peggy Haught, 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, Courtney Hart, Richard Austin

This Week

Sunday, June 2

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Youth Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship: Holy Communion; VBS Commissioning and Blessing; 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 and Society/Missions Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
- UMM Silent Auction ends at 6 pm

Monday, June 3

- Vacation Bible School begins! (6/3-6/7) - Fellowship Hall - 9 am - 12 pm
- Trustees (Zoom) - 7 pm
- Worship Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, June 4

- Vacation Bible School - 9 am - 12 pm
- Bell rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

Wednesday, June 5

- Vacation Bible School - 9 am - 12 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 6

- Vacation Bible School - 9 am - 12 pm

Friday, June 7

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 am
- Vacation Bible School - 9 am - 12 pm

Saturday, June 8

- Children and Youth Family Swim Party (off campus) - 12-3 pm

Sunday, June 9

- Worship: Third Sunday after Pentecost; "Camp Firelight" VBS Celebration Sunday; Youth Bell Choir; and The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: "JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL" (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
- UMM Lunch Program with scholarship speakers (FH) - 11 am
- Bell Choir Concert (Sanctuary) - 5 pm

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