



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

June 23, 2024 10 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost **Music Appreciation Sunday**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Open My Eyes That I May See" by Robert J. Powell / 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** / Led by David Fraser, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Beloved, when sorrow and hardship abound and events across an ocean and down the block shake our resolve and make us question what good the good news is even doing, God calls us to...

(Congregation) open our hearts.

(L) When fear and misinformation infiltrate our relationships, and we don't know whom to trust or how to do the next right thing, God calls us to...

(C) open our hearts.

(L) When joy overflows, and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and flourishing, God calls us to...

(C) open our hearts.

(L) May this time of worship be for each of us a time to listen to God's call to open our hearts and accept the divine invitation to say yes to the work of grace in us, among us, and all around us.

(C) God, we open our hearts to receive your gift of grace, knowing you hold us securely in your hands that we might have the courage to live in vulnerable community with you and one another. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN:** #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Clara Scott / **All** / Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**Open my eyes that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

Verse 2

**Open my ears that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear,
and while the wave notes fall on my ear,
ev'rything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

Verse 3

**Open my mouth and let me bear
gladly the warm truth ev'rywhere.
Open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my mouth, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

WELCOME / The Rev. Bev Devine

MUSIC APPRECIATION / Yvonne Flagg, Gayla Lonsbery and Jeff Ashworth
The music leaders will say a few words about our programs and the volunteers who participate.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Like Christ, who says, "Peace!" in the middle of the storm, may our greetings bring peace to the spirits of our neighbors. Our source of healing and peace is with us now. Let us share this healing and peace with one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

Generous Holy Spirit, you are the fountain of salvation.

From your love, we see peace and comfort.

We yearn to extend the beauty of your grace to our neighbors, instead of keeping it for ourselves.

We long to remove the obstacles to your care from neighbors who need a helping hand, even when it requires heavy lifting.

We seek to offer mercy to all your children, even when our struggles cloud our vision.

Open our hearts to the needs of our neighbors that we may be agents of your grace and messengers of your peace. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen," Danish

INTERLUDE: "Soul on Fire" by Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark D. Lee, David Carr, Brenton Brown, and Matt Maher / The Bell Tree and The Response

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 107:1-9 / Liturgist

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Many Troubles

**O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**²Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble**

**³and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
⁵ hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.
⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.
(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!
(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "A Jubilant Song" by Alan Pote / The Aldersgate Chorale and Allegro Ringers,
directed by Yvonne Flagg, accompanied by Robert Phillips, organist

*** GOSPEL READING:** (Mark 4:35–41) NRSVUE / Liturgist

Jesus Stills a Storm

³⁵ On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷ A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?"
³⁹ And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰ He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹ And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!
(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

MESSAGE: "We Are Family" / Claire Jefferson Glipa, Family Promise Director

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #122 "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" by Jaroslav J. Vajda / All

Verse 1

**God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

Verse 2

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

Verse 3

God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

Verse 4

God of the hungry

God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

Verse 5

God of the neighbor

God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

Verse 6

God of the ages

God near at hand

God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Mark 4, 2 Corinthians 6) / Liturgist

God's boundless generosity transcends the limits of this world and nudges us to fill our land with blessing. Through our energy, time, talents, and treasures, we usher God's peace into a world filled with storms and obstacles.

I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "What God Ordains Is Always Good" by Johann Gottfried Walther

***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.

***OFFERING PRAYER (UNISON)** (2 Corinthians 6) / Led by Liturgist

**We are always rejoicing, Holy One,
for your many gifts in our lives.
Even when we have nothing,
you make us feel as if we have everything.
May these gifts usher peace into our world,
that all may know of your love
and realize the touch of your grace.
Amen.**

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #578 "God of Love and God of Power" by Gerald H. Kennedy / All**

Verse 1

**God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.**

Refrain:

**God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.**

Verse 2

**We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere. (Refrain)**

Verse 4

**God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still. (Refrain)**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "God of Love and God of Power" by Paul Manz

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,
Jim Ashworth, Ron Tovar, Linda Rydzik, Reupert family, Ruth Martinez,
Lou Santino, Mary Mamea, Brandy Qualtieri, Allison George

This Week

Sunday, June 23

- Pastor Kim on Vacation (6/17-6/30)
- Worship: Music Appreciation Sunday with The Aldersgate Chorale, The Allegro Ringers, The Bell Tree with The Response; Claire Jefferson Glipa, Family Promise Director, guest speaker, "We Are Family" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Sunday School with Sarah Overton-Fraser (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

Monday, June 24

- Church Council (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, June 25

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- UWF Citrus Circle (El Patron Mexican Restaurant, 3204 Mission Inn Ave.) - 6 pm

Wednesday, June 26

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

Thursday, June 27

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

Friday, June 28

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

Saturday, June 29

- UWF Serendipity Circle (Flo's Farmhouse, 5620 Van Buren Blvd.) - 11 am

Sunday, June 30

- Worship: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, The Rev. Roy Riggs; sermon: "But If Not..." (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

Music Copyright License Information

Prelude: "Open My Eyes That I May See" by Robert J. Powell. ©2013 Birnamwood Publications, a division of MorningStar Music Publishers, Inc., OneLicense Song #10-645.3, OneLicense #A735776.

Introit: "This Is the Day" by Hal H. Hopson. ©1981 The Sacred Music Press, OneLicense Song #64646, OneLicense #A735776.

Opening Hymn: "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Clara H. Fiske Scott. Public domain.

Prayer Response: "Amen," Danish. Public domain.

Interlude: "Soul on Fire" by Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark D. Lee, David Carr, Brenton Brown, and Matt Maher. ©2015 Thankyou Music, Be Essential Songs, I Am A Pilgrim Songs, Datamama Music, CCLI Song #7032679, CCLI License #11231812.

Anthem: "A Jubilant Song" by Alan Pote. ©1984 Hope Publishing Company, OneLicense Song #44075, OneLicense #A735776.

Hymn of Dedication: "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" by Jaroslav J. Vajda. Words: ©1983 Concordia Publishing House, OneLicense Song #05148. Music: ©1983 G.I.A. Publications, Inc., OneLicense Song #01556. OneLicense #A735776.

Offertory: "What God Ordains Is Always Good" by Johann Gottfried Walther. Public domain.

Doxology: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken. Public domain.

Sending Hymn: "God of Love and God of Power" by Gerald H. Kennedy, Joaquim Neander. Public domain.

Postlude: "God of Love and God of Power" by Paul Manz. ©1962, 1992, and 2011 Birnamwood Publications, a division of MorningStar Music Publishers, OneLicense Song #10-351.04, OneLicense #A735776.