



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

June 9, 2024 10 am

**Third Sunday after Pentecost; "Camp Firelight" VBS Celebration Sunday**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "O God of Every Nation" by Walter L. Pelz / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #435 "O God of Every Nation" / **All** / Led by Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

#### Verse 1

**O God of every nation,  
of every race and land,  
redeem your whole creation  
with your almighty hand;  
where hate and fear divide us,  
and bitter threats are hurled,  
in love and mercy guide us,  
and heal our strife-torn world.**

#### Verse 2

**From search for wealth and power  
and scorn of truth and right,  
from trust in bombs that shower  
destruction through the night,  
from pride of race and station  
and blindness to your way,  
deliver every nation,  
eternal God, we pray.**

### Verse 3

Lord, strengthen all who labor  
that all may find release  
from fear of rattling saber,  
from dread of war's increase;  
when hope and courage falter,  
Lord, let your voice be heard;  
with faith that none can alter,  
your servants undergird.

### Verse 4

Keep bright in us the vision  
of days when war shall cease,  
when hatred and division  
give way to love and peace,  
till dawns the morning glorious  
when truth and justice reign,  
and Christ shall rule victorious  
o'er all the world's domain.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (1 Samuel 8, Mark 3) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) In this family of faith, we have a place where we will always belong.

**(People) Here we find friends who will love us as children of the Most High.**

(L) In this house of God, we worship a King who rules with equity.

**(P) Here we follow One whose steadfast love endures forever.**

(L) Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (2 Corinthians 4:13)

(Pastor) Scripture proclaims: "I believed, and so I spoke."

As the words of our faith are spoken this day, listen for the word of God. Peace be with you!

**(All) Peace be with you!**

### **THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (1 Samuel 8, Psalm 138, Mark 3)

**Sovereign God, come to us when we lose our way. For we need you to be our King—to lead us on right paths, teach us the ways of life and death, and shelter us from our foes. We need you to be our comforter—to love us as a father, nurture us as a mother, shelter us as a brother, and assure us as a sister. Welcome us into the arms of your mercy, O God, and we will be your people, even as you are our God and King. Amen.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** "Amen" (Danish)

**INTERLUDE:** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" arranged by Sondra K. Tucker / Youth Bells, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Vacation Bible School Celebration: "Camp Firelight" /**  
Director Christina Graves, leaders, and children

**SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 (NRSVUE)**

***Living by Faith***

**<sup>4:13</sup> But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, <sup>14</sup> because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.**

**<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup> because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.**

**<sup>5:1</sup> For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.**

(Liturgist) The Word of God for the people of God.

**(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**ANTHEM:** "A Canon of Praise" by Natalie Sleeth / The Aldersgate Chorale

**SERMON: "JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL" /** The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" by Charles Wesley**

# Jesus, Lover of My Soul

(Words by Charles Wesley, 1740; Music by Joseph. P. Holbrook, 1862)

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*Duet*

1. Je - sus, Lov - er of my so - ul, let - me to thy bosom fly,  
 2. Other ref - uge have I no - ne, hangs my help - less soul on thee;  
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I wa - nt, more than all in thee I find;  
 4. Plenteous grace with thee is fou - nd, grace to co - ver all my sin;

while the ne - ar - er wa - ter ro - ll, while the tem - pest still is high.  
 leave, O lea - ve me not a - lo - ne, still sup - po - rt and comfort me.  
 raise the fa - ll - en, cheer the fa - int, heal the se - ek and lead the blind.  
 let the heal - ing streams a - bou - nd, make and keep me pure with - in.

*Chorus*

Hide me, O my Sa - vior hi - de, till the storm of life is past;  
 All my trust on thee is stay - ed, all my help from thee I bring;  
 Just and ho - ly is thy na - me, I am all non - right - eous - ness;  
 Thou of life the foun - tain a - rt, free - ly let me take of thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven gui - de; O receive my soul at last.  
 co - ver my defenseless he - ad with the shadow of thy wing.  
 false and full of sin I a - m; thou art full of truth and grace.  
 Spring thou up within my heart; rise to all e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Mark 3) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) As brothers and sisters of Christ, let us give joyfully from our bounty, that all God's family may find hope and strength through the blessings we share this day.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Trumpet Air" by James Bremner

**\*UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (1 Samuel 8, Psalm 138, Mark 3) / Liturgist

**Holy Sovereign, you are our King and we are your people. As we reach for our brothers and sisters in Christ, and our mothers and fathers in faith, use these offerings to heal our world and draw all people into your holy family. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

**\*SENDING HYMN:** #534 "Be Still, My Soul" by Katharina von Schlegel; translated by Jane Borthwick / **All**

**Verse 1**

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Verse 2**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Verse 3**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (2 Corinthians 4, Mark 3)

(Pastor) With God as our King, go to build God's realm here on earth.

**(Congregation) With our inner natures renewed, we go forth to proclaim God's glory.**

(Pastor) With your sisters and brothers in Christ and your mothers and fathers in faith, go to be Christ's family.

**(All) With our hearts set free to love, we go to share Christ's love with all. Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius

*We are called to pray for:*

Jeff Bruns, Peggy Haught, Rebecca Slaughter, Barbara Jo Wilson,  
Mary Herrmann, John and Susan Logger, Matt Gorder,  
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, Ruth Martinez

## *This Week*

### **Sunday, June 9**

- Worship: Third Sunday after Pentecost; "Camp Firelight" VBS Celebration Sunday; Youth Bell Choir; 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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Tuesday, June 11**

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- SPRC Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

### **Wednesday, June 12**

- Cal Pac Annual Conference (Burbank) [June 12 - June 15]
- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, June 13**

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

### **Friday, June 14**

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

### **Saturday, June 15**

- Empty Nesters/Outreach (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

### **Sunday, June 16**

- Worship: Father's Day; Family Sunday; Graduate Sunday; 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 celebration, including Cake Walk and Sock Toss (Patio) - 11:15 am

### **Monday, June 17**

- Pastor Kim's Vacation begins (June 17<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>)

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