



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

June 30, 2024 10 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Hymn of Promise" by John Carter / 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** (Isaiah 49) / Sophie Weiss, Liturgist
(Liturgist) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
(People) And also with you.

(L) Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

**(P) For the Lord has comforted his people,
and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

(All) Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** #882—The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version / Liturgist / **All**
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN: #77 "How Great Thou Art" (Vss. 1, 2, 4) by Stuart K. Hine / All / Led by
Kris Lovekin**

Verse 1

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

Verse 2

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]**

Verse 4

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]**

WELCOME / Rev. Bev Devine

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Mark 5)

Our source of healing and peace is with us now. Let us share this healing and peace with one another.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

God, our rock, our refuge, our redeemer, you know our circumstances, our needs, our fears, our hopes and our dreams before we say anything to you. And yet you invite us to share our deepest longings with you and to trust you in all situations. Today, in the fiery furnace, we see you, walking and working beside Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in our time. In them you defy fire and fear. We watch, stunned, grateful, sad, yet hoping. Living and faithful Spirit, the God in whom we live and move and have our being, the God who is made known in Christ Jesus, bless us one and all as we wait on you this day. We place our faith in your mighty Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, as we pray together:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen," Danish

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

ANTHEM: "Old One Hundredth Psalm Tune" by R. Vaughan Williams

SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 3:1-18 / Liturgist

The Golden Image

3 King Nebuchadnezzar made a golden statue whose height was sixty cubits and whose width was six cubits; he set it up on the plain of Dura in the province of Babylon. ²Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent for the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to assemble and come to the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ³So the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces assembled for the dedication of the statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. When they were standing before the statue that Nebuchadnezzar had set up, ⁴the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, ⁵that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you are to fall down and worship the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up.

⁶Whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire."

⁷Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden statue that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. ⁸Accordingly, at this time certain Chaldeans came forward and denounced the Jews. ⁹They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree, that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, shall fall down and worship the golden statue, ¹¹and whoever does not fall down and worship shall be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men pay no heed to you, O king. They do not serve your gods, and they do not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

¹³Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought in, so they brought those men before the king.

¹⁴Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" ¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. ¹⁷If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. ¹⁸But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up."

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

SERMON: "BUT IF NOT..." / Rev. Roy Riggs

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #707 "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth / All**

Verse 1

**In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.**

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Genesis 28) / Liturgist

Let us offer our gifts to God in gratitude and praise for God's love and blessings.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Pastorale on 'How Great Thou Art'" by Janet Linker

***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 OFFERING PRAYER** / Led by Liturgist

Merciful God, misery and despair touch our world each day. Multiply the gifts we bring before you, that no one may suffer want. And if our fortunes are one day reversed, may we receive with the same grace and gratitude we have offered this day. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #715 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" by Charles Wesley / All**

Verse 1

**Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

Verse 2

**Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

Verse 3

**His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.**

Verse 4

**Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!**

***BENEDICTION / Rev. Roy Riggs**

POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" by Gordon Young

POST-POSTLUDE: "The Stars and Stripes Forever" by John Philip Sousa

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,
Dale Grout, Cathy Dolan, DeAnn McWilliams

This Week

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

Monday, July 1

- Worship Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm
- Trustees Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm

Wednesday, July 3

- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 4

- Campus closed for holiday.
- Parking lot opens - 6 pm
- Fireworks begin - 9 pm

Friday, July 5

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

Sunday, July 7

- Chapel Prayer Group (Chapel) - 9:15 - 9:45 am
- Worship: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday; Pastor JT Kim offers: **"AN INTRODUCTION" (#1)** (New Sermon Series, **"Live Your Happy Life Today!"**) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Church and Society/Missions Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
- Cooking for Family Promise (Fellowship Hall Kitchen) - 5 pm

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