



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

July 14, 2024 10 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Air and Gavotte in F Major" by Samuel Wesley / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (2 Samuel 6, Psalm 24) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) All are welcome in the house of the Lord.

(Congregation) Find here the hospitality of radical fellowship.

(L) Worship with clean hands and pure hearts.

(C) We are lifted up by the King of glory.

(L) We are adopted into the family of Christ.

(All) We will leap with joy before our God! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #139 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" by Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth, and Rupert E. Davies (Verses 1, 4, and 5 only) / **All** / Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration!

Verse 4

**Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.**

Verse 5

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.**

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (2 Samuel 6, Ephesians 1)

(Pastor) May the peace of Christ fill you with the joy of God's word. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (2 Samuel 6, Ephesians 1, Mark 6)

**Lord, we come before you with open eyes and willing hands. Guide us as we listen
for your word, with shouts of praise and dances of joy. As we strive to grasp the
depth of your love, your compassion continues to surprise and uplift us.**

**We yearn to be your voice in this world. Help us discern what is right, as we set our
hope in Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 9:23-28 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Christ's Sacrifice Takes Away Sin

²³ Thus it was necessary for the sketches of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves need better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "O Rest in the Lord" by Felix Mendelssohn / Kris Lovekin, soloist; Robert Phillips, accompanist

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:25-34** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Do Not Worry

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "ONE LIFE TO LIVE" (Part 2 of the sermon series, "***Live Your Happy Life Today!***") / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #2086 (TFWS) "Open Our Eyes" by Bob Cull / ALL**

Open our eyes, Lord.

**We want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.**

**Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.**

Open our eyes, Lord.

We want to see Jesus (repeat)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 24, Ephesians 1, 2 Samuel 6) / Liturgist
(Liturgist) The earth is God's, and all that is in it. All we have comes from the richness of God's grace. Let us show our love and gratitude to God for everything in our lives.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Be Still, My Soul" by Edwin T. Childs

***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.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Psalm 24, Ephesians 1, 2 Samuel 6) / Liturgist
Gracious God, as you have blessed us, so may we bless others. May these offerings bind us to your love for us and to your love for all the world's people. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** #369 "Blessed Assurance" by Fanny J. Crosby and Phoebe P. Knapp / **All**

Verse 1

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Verse 2

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare" by Antonio Soler

We are called to pray for:

Jeff Bruns, Peggy Haught, Jennifer Mahl, Norma Nelson, 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, Cheryl Riggs' niece, Debbie; Dale Grout, Cathy Dolan, DeAnn McWilliams, Becky (friend of our congregation)

This Week

Sunday, July 14

- Worship: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: **"ONE LIFE TO LIVE"** (Part 2 of sermon series, **"Live Your Happy Life Today!"**) (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

Tuesday, July 16

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

Wednesday, July 17

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

Thursday, July 18

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

Saturday, July 20

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

Sunday, July 21

- Worship with The Response: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, **"YOUR HAPPINESS PORTFOLIO"** (Part 3 of the sermon series, **"Live Your Happy Life Today!"**); Prayer Walk for "Bye Bye Summer Bash" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

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