



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Order of Worship

July 7, 2024 10 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Variations on 'Showalter'" by Jon Spong / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***OPENING HYMN:** #89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Henry Van Dyke / **All** / Led by Phil Bremenstuhl, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Verse 4

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 48, 2 Corinthians 12, Mark 6) / Led by Steve Kerrick, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Rely on God's providential care.

(Congregation) God's grace is sufficient for us.

(L) Take nothing for the journey but faith in Christ.

(C) We can trust the God of our salvation.

(L) Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

(C) God's steadfast love endures forever.

(L) Come! Let us worship.

(All) Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (2 Corinthians 12, Mark 6)

(Pastor) On the road of faith, we rarely feel up to the journey. Look around at your fellow travelers, then share signs of Christ's peace, for this peace is grace and strength for the journey. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (2 Corinthians 12, Mark 6)

Eternal God, you call us to set aside our scheming and place our trust in you alone. You challenge us to take nothing for the journey but our desire to do your will. Teach us once more that your strength is made perfect in weakness, and that your grace is sufficient to meet our every need. With the confidence of little children, we place our lives in your hands this day. For we know that you will be with us every moment of our lives. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 1:1-6 (NRSVUE) / Liturgist

The Two Ways of Living

¹Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that sinners tread
or sit in the seat of scoffers,

²but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

⁴The wicked are not so

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous,

⁶for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Thine, O Lord, Is the Greatness" by James G. MacDermid (1st Chronicles 29:11-13)
/ Phil Bremenstuhl

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:3-11** (CEB) / Liturgist

Happy People

³"Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

⁴"Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad.

⁵"Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full.

⁷ "Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God.

⁹ "Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children.

¹⁰ "Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

¹¹ "Happy are you when people insult you and harass you and speak all kinds of bad and false things about you, all because of me. ¹² Be full of joy and be glad, because you have a great reward in heaven. In the same way, people harassed the prophets who came before you."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "AN INTRODUCTION TO A HAPPY LIFE" (Part 1 of new sermon series, "**Live Your Happy Life Today!**") / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #391 "O Happy Day, That Fixed My Choice" by Philip Doddridge (Verses 1, 2, & 5 only)

Verse 1

O happy day, that fixed my choice
on thee, my Savior and my God!
Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
and tell its raptures all abroad.

Refrain:

Happy day, happy day,
when Jesus washed my sins away!
He taught me how to watch and pray,
and live rejoicing every day.
Happy day, happy day,
when Jesus washed my sins away!

Verse 2

O happy bond, that seals my vows
to him who merits all my love!
Let cheerful anthems fill his house,
while to that sacred shrine I move. (Refrain)

Verse 5

High heaven, that heard the solemn vow,
that vow renewed shall daily hear,
till in life's latest hour I bow
and bless in death a bond so dear. (Refrain)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (2 Sam 5, Ps 48, Mark 6) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God calls us to serve and invites us to give. Knowing that God will be guiding us, and that God will be leading us, let us claim the generosity of God. In our celebration of this bounty, we share our treasures, talents, and time with the church and community.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "There Is a Happy Land" by George Shearing

***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** (Ps 48, 2 Cor 12, Mark 6) / Liturgist

Despite the sufferings and challenges on our journeys, your power transcends human weakness. We celebrate your generosity by sharing treasures, talents, and time along our way. No matter where we travel or which hardships we face, we sing your name in every corner of the earth. With our songs of praise, we share our gifts with your creation. 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) Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. 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: "Improvisation on 'Come Down, O Love Divine'" and "Pastel on 'Jerusalem, My Happy Home'" by Charles Callahan

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION / Liturgist

(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:** #133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Elisha A. Hoffman

Verse 1

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Verse 2

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Psalm 48, Mark 6)

(Pastor) Go with the blessing of God, our guide and guardian.

(Congregation) We walk without fear to share the realm of God.

(P) Go with the assurance of Christ, who shows us the way.

(C) We have all we need for our journey of faith.

(P) Go with the power of the Spirit, who anoints our way.

(All) We travel in the footsteps of the saints of God. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Finale from Partita on 'Hymn to Joy'" by Charles Callahan

We are called to pray for:

Jeff Bruns, Peggy Haught, Jennifer Mahl, 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

This Week

Sunday, July 7, 2024

- Chapel Prayer Group (Chapel) - 9:15 - 9:45 am
- Worship: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday; Pastor J. T. Kim offers: **"AN INTRODUCTION"** (Part 2 of 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

Tuesday, July 9

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

Wednesday, July 10

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

Thursday, July 11

- Parent's Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- UWF Lunch Bunch at Islands at the Plaza - 11 am

Friday, July 12

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

Sunday, July 14

- Worship: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Youth Bell Choir; and The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: **"ONE LIFE TO LIVE"** #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

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