



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

August 11, 2024 10 am

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "The Gift of Love" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 130) / Led by Lyn Knowles, Liturgist
(Liturgist) We have gathered from different places and different backgrounds.

(Congregation) May those who are grieving find comfort.

(L) May those who have turned away from God find forgiveness.

(C) May those who are waiting find hope.

(L) May all find God's steadfast love and grace.

(All) Let us worship the One who gives us life! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #2271 "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" by Natalie Sleeth / **All** /
Rev. Bev Devine, Hymn Leader

(Refrain)

**Come! Come! Everybody worship
with a prayer or song of praise!**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship!
Worship God always!**

Verse 1

**Worship and remember
to keep the Sabbath day.
Take a rest and think of God;
put your work away!**

(Refrain)

**Come! Come! Everybody worship
with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Everybody worship!
Worship God always!**

Verse 2

**Worship and remember
the Lord's unending care,
reaching out to love and help
people everywhere! (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Worship and remember
your blessings great and small.
Give to God an offering;
show your thanks for all! (Refrain)**

Verse 4

**Worship and remember
how Jesus long ago
taught us how to talk to God,
something we should know! (Refrain)**

Verse 5

**Worship and remember
that God is like a light,
showing you the way to go,
ever burning bright! (Refrain)**

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Pastor) Jesus says, "I am the bread of life." In the name of Christ, I invite you to share the peace of Christ, the one who brings new life and nourishment to our souls. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- **Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Ephesians 4, John 6)

Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits. As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day. May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement. May we offer and seek forgiveness. Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:15-21 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

God Is Love

¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Tis a Gift to Be Simple," arranged by Anna Laura Page and Barbara Brocker / Gayla Lonsbery and Lee-Ann Seeling on bell tree, accompanied by Robert Phillips

***GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The New Commandment

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS IN LIFE " (Part 6 of the sermon series, *"Live Your Happy Life Today!"*) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #445 "Happy the Home When God Is There" by Henry Ware, Jr., and John B. Dykes / **All**

Verse 1

**Happy the home when God is there,
and love fills every breast;
when one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heavenly rest.**

Verse 2

**Happy the home where Jesus' name
is sweet to every ear;
where children early speak his fame,
and parents hold him dear.**

Verse 3

**Happy the home where prayer is heard,
and praise is wont to rise;
where parents love the sacred Word
and all its wisdom prize.**

Verse 4

**Lord, let us in our homes agree
this blessed peace to gain;
unite our hearts in love to thee,
and love to all will reign.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (2 Samuel 18; Ephesians 4) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God is here, welcoming us just as we are. In thanksgiving for all God has blessed us with, and in gratitude for all the ways God loves us, may we bring our offerings before God.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Happy the Home When God Is There" by Joseph W. Clokey

***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** (2 Samuel 18; Ephesians 4) / Liturgist

Gracious God, we bring these gifts to you, that you may bless them. May they bring comfort to those who mourn, help to those in need, and joy to all your beloved children. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Lyn Knowles

***SENDING HYMN: #408 "The Gift of Love" by Hal Hopson / All**

Verse 1

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

Verse 2

**Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

Verse 3

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship and are freed.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata in the Style of Scarlatti" by Gordon Young

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, Lou Santino, Mary Mamea, Brandy Qualtieri,
DeAnn McWilliams, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Robert and Benita Roberts,
Judy McArthur, Carol Erdman

New Members Welcoming Sunday

September 22, 2024 10 am

If you would like to join our church, please contact:

Pastor Kim -- (951) 683-7831

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This Week

Sunday, August 11

- Worship: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: **"THE THREE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS IN LIFE,"** Part 6 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, August 13

- First day at Preschool

Wednesday, August 14

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

Saturday, August 17

- Empty Nesters/Outreach (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm - 7 pm

Sunday, August 18

- Worship with The Response: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, **"THE KEY TO THE GOOD LIFE"** (Part 7 of sermon series, **"Live Your Happy Life Today!"**) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

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