



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

August 18, 2024 10 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost Family Sunday with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Where True Charity and Love Prevail" by Dom Paul Benoit / Robert Phillips,
Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (1 Kings 2, Ephesians 5) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Rejoice, seekers of wisdom and truth,

(Congregation) God's wisdom calls us here.

(L) Behold, followers of godly direction and guidance,

(C) Christ's love shows us the way.

(L) Sing, children of thanksgiving and praise,

(All) the Spirit's presence gathers us together. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Old Church Choir" by Colbe Wedgeworth, Ethan Hulse, and Zach
Williams / Led by The Response

Verse 1

There's revival and it's spreading

like a wildfire in my heart,

Sunday morning "hallelujah,"

and it's lasting all week long.

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?

It's the rhythm of a gospel song.

Once you choose it, you can't lose it.

There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!

Verse 2

When the valleys that I wander
turn to mountains that I can't climb,
oh, you're with me; never leave me.
'Cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
Whoa oh! Whoa oh! Whoa oh! Whoa!

Bridge

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat,
'cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (Repeat)

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!

WELCOME / The Rev. Beverly Devine

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (1 Kings 2, Ephesians 5)

(Pastor) As we seek God's wisdom and guidance, let us share signs of fellowship and peace with one another this day. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(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, for ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS: Ephesians 5:15-20 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

¹⁵ Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ being subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

(Liturgist) Here ends the Epistle reading.

(All) Amen!

INTERLUDE: "The Commission" by David Blake Neesmith, Carter Jon Frodge, Madison Cain, Taylor Cain, and Logan Cain / The Response

SERMON: "THANKS FOR EVERYTHING!" / The Rev. Beverly Devine

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "Bread of Life" by John Watilo and Ron Wallace / **All** / Led by The Response

Chorus

**I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life,
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.**

**I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life,
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.**

Verse 1

Lift your eyes to me and do not be afraid.

If you'll come to me, I will not turn you away.

Put your trust in me, and you won't be ashamed,

for I've called you to bring glory to my name. (Chorus)

Verse 2

I have known you since before the earth was formed.
I have called you since the day that you were born.
I have destined you to be counted as my own
and inherit all the riches of my throne.

Chorus

I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life,
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.
I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life,
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.

Instrumental

Bridge:

Trust in me, and you won't be ashamed,
for I've called you to bring glory to my name.
(Chorus 2X)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 111) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) We see God's work in acts of honesty and justice. We touch God's covenant in moments of mercy and compassion. Let us be God's instruments in the world, as we present our offering.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Where True Charity and Love Prevail" by Dom Paul Benoit

***OFFERING SONG** "As We Seek Your Face / Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / **All** / Led by Rev. Bev Devine

**As we seek your face, may we know your heart;
feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.**

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.

For I desire to worship and obey.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** / Liturgist

O God, with gratitude we come to this place of hallowed ground. Here we have come to be comforted after national disasters and personal losses. Here we have come to celebrate the joy of love and the blessing of our children. We have come to hear your word. How grateful we are for this sacred space and these precious people! Amen.

***LAITY BLESSINGS** / Loretta Cudney

***SENDING HYMN:** "He Reigns" by Peter Furler and Steve Taylor / The Response / **All**

Verse 1

It's the song of the redeemed,
rising from the African plain.

It's the song of the forgiven,
drowning out the Amazon rain.

The song of Asian believers
filled with God's holy fire.

It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation,
a love song born of a grateful choir.

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah!

He reigns, he reigns!" (Repeat)

Verse 2

Let it rise above the four winds,
caught up in the heavenly sound.

Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals
to the faithful gathered underground.

Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation,
some were meant to persist.

Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples,
none rings truer than this.

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah!

He reigns, he reigns!" (Repeat)

Verse 3

And all the powers of darkness
tremble at what they've just heard,
'cause all their powers of darkness
can't drown out a single word.

When it's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah!

He reigns, he reigns!"

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah!

He reigns, he reigns!"

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah!

He reigns, he reigns!"

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Postlude" by Wayne L. Wold

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New Members Welcoming Sunday

September 22, 2024 10 am

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

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This Week

Sunday, August 18

- Worship: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Family Sunday with The Response; Sermon: "Thanks for Everything!" by Rev. Bev Devine (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

Wednesday, August 21

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

Sunday, August 25

- Worship: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; **SERMON: "THE KEY TO THE GOOD LIFE"** (Part 7 of the Sermon Series, **"Live Your Happy Life Today!"**) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor
- 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
- The Habit Fundraiser (flyer, in person, or on phone), Riverside Plaza - 11 am to 9:30 pm

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