



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

**August 25, 2024 10 am**

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Charles Callahan / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (1 Kings 2, Ephesians 5) / Led by Greg Laird, 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:** #454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Clara H. Scott / Led by Rev. Bev Devine, Hymn Leader

### **Verse 1**

**Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

## Verse 2

**Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

## Verse 3

**Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

**Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

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

**\*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

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (1 Kings 2)

**God of steadfast love, you granted young Solomon the wisdom to rule your people with judgment and understanding. When we turn to you for answers, you grant us the wisdom to discern good and evil and bestow the courage to live in your ways. Be with us in this time of worship, as we seek to grow in your wisdom and abide in your grace. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 15:12-17** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

***Love One Another***

**<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you.**

**<sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**INTERLUDE:** "We Are Called" by David Haas / Rev. Bev Devine

**SERMON: "THE KEY TO THE GOOD LIFE"** (Part 7 of the sermon series, "Live Your Happy Life Today!") / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #581 "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" by Alfred F.

Bayly

**Verse 1**

**Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.**

**Verse 2**

**Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make us whole.**

**Verse 3**

**As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving  
your abundant love to share.**

#### Verse 4

**Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know, and live.**

#### **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:** "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" by Wayne L. Wold

**\*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 111, John 6) / Liturgist

**God of wisdom and understanding, your blessings surround us each day. We thank you for inspiring our actions and feeding our creativity. We praise you for warming our hearts and enlightening our minds. May these gifts go forth into your world and be bread and blessing to those in need. Amen.**

#### **LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin

**\*SENDING HYMN:** #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" by Omer Westendorf

#### Verse 1

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The service is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.  
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**Verse 2**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (1 Kings 2, Psalm 111, Ephesians 5)  
(Pastor) God sends us forth with wisdom and understanding.  
**(Congregation) We go to be a blessing to the world.**  
(P) God sends us forth to be happy and loving.  
**(C) We go to be a blessing to the world.**  
(P) Go with God.  
**(All) Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "The Ash Grove" by Dale Wood

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Peggy Haught, Jennifer Mahl, Norma Nelson, Mary Herrmann, Michael Thompson,  
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Carol Erdman, LJ Arguelles, Brian Robison, Daryl Salmon,  
Pastor J. T. Kim and family, Yvonne Peters

*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 25**

- Worship: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost; The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: **"THE KEY TO THE GOOD LIFE"** (Part 7 of the sermon series, *"Live Your Happy Life Today!"*) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Sunday School for Older Youth (Youth Room) - 10:15 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Church and Society meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
- The Habit Grill Fundraiser - 3555 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite S100 - 11 am - 9:30 pm  
Must show flyer or mention fundraiser to server or show on cell phone. Church will earn 20% of sales.

### **Tuesday, August 27**

- Allegro Bells rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

### **Wednesday, August 28**

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

### **Friday, August 30**

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

### **Sunday, September 1**

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Worship: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost; The Rev. J. T. Kim's sermon: **"IF YOU WANT HAPPINESS FOR A LIFETIME..."** (Part 8 of sermon series, *"Live Your Happy Life Today!"*) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Cooking for Family Promise

**Monday, September 2** - Labor Day - Church campus is closed.

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