



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

September 15, 2024 10 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Family Sunday with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Arise, My Soul, Arise!" by Michael Burkhardt / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 19) / Led by Greg Laird, Liturgist
(Liturgist) The heavens are telling the glory of God.

(Congregation) The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

(L) Day pours forth speech,

(C) and night declares knowledge of our God.

(L) God's wisdom is written in the stars.

(C) It is seen and heard to the ends of the earth.

(L) When we see God's teachings in the clouds,

(C) or hear them in the symphonies of the birds,

(L) our minds are enriched,

(C) our eyes are enlightened,

(L) our souls are revived,

(C) and our hearts rejoice.

(L) Then we shall bless God's name with our words,

(All) and with the silence between them. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "He Has Made Me Glad" by Leona Von Brethorst / **All** / Led by The Response (3 times)

Verse

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart.

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."

I will rejoice, for He has made me glad.

Refrain

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

WELCOME / The Rev. J. T. Kim

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (James 3)

(Pastor) The Holy One has given us mouths to praise God and tongues to bless God's people, our siblings in faith. Let us turn and share God's grace 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.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen," Danish

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

INTERLUDE: "Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone" by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio / The Response

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Arise, My Soul, Arise!" Finnish folk melody arranged by Dale Wood / The Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING: John 15:4-5; 8-12** (CEB) / Liturgist
(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!
(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON: "MULTIPLYING LOVE AND GRATITUDE" (Part 10 of the sermon series, *"Live Your Happy Life Today!"*) / The Rev. J. T. Kim

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: "All the People Said Amen"** by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak / **All** / Led by The Response

Verse 1

**You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on,
but thank God it's all you need.**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen.**

Verse 2

**If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all.**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen.**

Bridge

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.**

Chorus

Tag: And all the people said amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Proverbs 1) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God's gifts of wisdom are offered in this moment and in every moment. In gratitude and grace, let us offer our gifts to God.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "My Song Is Love Unknown" by Ronald Arnatt

***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** (Proverbs 1, Psalm 19, James 3, Mark 8) / Liturgist

For your holy Word, O God, we give you thanks. For your enduring Wisdom, O God, we give you praise. For your call to speak truth, O God, we give you glory. Grant us the courage to share your gifts, this day and all days. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin

***SENDING HYMN: "I Saw the Light / I'll Fly Away Medley"** by Albert E. Brumley, Hank Williams, Zachery T. Shelton, John Mandeville, Steve Siler, and Harry Dixon Loes / The Response / **All**

I wandered so aimless, a life filled with sin.

I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.

Then Jesus came in like a stranger in the night.

Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
no more darkness, no more night.**

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.

Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

I've walked in darkness, clouds covered me.

I had no idea where the way out could be.

Then came the sunrise and rolled back the night.

Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
no more darkness, no more night.**

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.

Praise the Lord! I saw the light.

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do you remember me?
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do you remember me?
Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do you remember me?
Look away beyond the blue.**

**I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.
I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.
Look away beyond the blue.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Just like that blind man, I wandered alone.
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man
who God gave back his sight,
praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**I saw the light, I saw the light,
no more darkness, no more night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light. Praise the Lord! I saw the light!**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata Liturgique" by Dennis Elliot

~ Celebration ~

Angela and Danielle Johnson offer these bouquets
in honor of their mother, F. Miriam Harris-Johnson,
as celebration of her 90th birthdate.
(September 11, 1934 – March 2008)

We are called to pray for:

Margaret Berger, Peggy Haught, Jennifer Mahl, Norma Nelson, Mary Herrmann, Michael Thompson, Jim Ashworth, Linda Rydzik, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Mack Davis, John and Susan Page-Logger, Robert and Benita Roberts, LJ Arguelles, Yvonne Peters, Daryl Salmon, Michelle Arguelles, Chandra Roberts, family of Louise "Lou" Santino.

This Week

Sunday, September 15

- Worship: Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost; Pastor J. T. Kim offers: **"MULTIPLYING LOVE AND GRATITUDE"** (Part 10 of the sermon series, **"Live Your Happy Life Today!"**) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Faith and Fellowship - Pasta Palooza Potluck! Please bring pasta dishes. (F&F will provide garlic bread, drinks and dessert!) (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am
- Outreach Committee meeting (after potluck) (Chandler Lounge)

Tuesday, September 17

- Staff Meeting (Conference Room) - 10 am
- Allegro Ringers (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm
- Membership Class (Zoom) - 7 pm

Wednesday, September 18

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
- Bible Study (*The Bible Year: A Journey Through Scripture in 365 Days*, by Magrey R. DeVega) - led by Pastor Kim (Zoom) - 7 pm

Thursday, September 19

- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

- Empty Nesters (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

Sunday, September 22

- Worship: New Member Welcoming Sunday; Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; **SERMON: "BE HAPPY TODAY!"** (Part 11: the conclusion of the 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
- Older Youth (6th-12th grades) Sunday School (Youth Room) - Meet in Narthex at 10:15 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Group (Youth Room) - 5 pm
- The Habit Fundraiser (flyer, in person, or on phone), Riverside Plaza - 11 am to 9:00 pm

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