



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

September 22, 2024 10 am

**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
New Members Welcoming Sunday**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Prélude" by César Franck / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #657 "This Is the Day" by Les Garrett (2 times) / **All** / Led by Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.**

**Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord hath made;**

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (James 2, Mark 7) / Led by Josephine Essien, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Happy are those who follow paths of righteousness.

**(People) We take delight in the wisdom of God.**

(L) Happy are those who reach out to those in need.

**(P) We find delight in the love of God.**

(L) Happy are those who set aside envy.

**(All) We draw delight in the selflessness of God. Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Mark 9)

(Pastor) In a spirit of humility, recognize the ways we are called to grow with God and neighbor. May we greet one another as God's children with the peace of Christ. 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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** "Amen" (Danish)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Lucinda Edmunds

**WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS** / Pastor and Lay Leader

Reaffirmation of Faith:

**Amanda "Mandy" Johnson Bottrell**

**Carol Cipra**

**Nan Friedley**

**Billy Gwira**

Transfer:

**Char Nicanor Kimball** (from Cedar Mill Christ United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon)

**Julita Nicanor** (from Cedar Mill Christ United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon)

**David Weise** (from Hemet United Methodist Church)



## **Welcoming New Members: Through Reaffirmations of Faith and Transfers**

(Sunday, September 22, 2024)

### **INTRODUCTION**

(Pastor) Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through the reaffirmation of our faith, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy Church.

### **PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES**

(Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader) I present **Amanda "Mandy" Johnson Bottrell, Carol Cipra, Nan Friedley, and Billy Gwira** to reaffirm their faith.

I also present **Char Nicanor Kimball and Julita Nicanor**, who are transferring their memberships from Cedar Mill Christ United Methodist Church, Portland, Oregon, and **David Weise**, who is transferring his membership from Hemet United Methodist Church, Hemet, California.

### **RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH (All Candidates)**

(Pastor) On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

**(Candidates) I do.**

(Lay Leader) Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

**(Candidates) I do.**

(Pastor) Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

**(Candidates) I do.**

(Pastor) According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

**(Candidates) I will.**

(Lay Leader addresses the congregation) Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**(Congregation) We do.**

(Pastor to the congregation) Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**(Congregation) With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(Pastor) *(Mandy/Carol/Nan/Billy)*, remember your baptism and be thankful.

**Amen.**

*(Crosses are presented to those reaffirmed their faith)*

(Pastor) *(Mandy/Carol/Nan/Billy)*, the Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### **RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

(Lay Leader) As members of Christ's universal Church, will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church, and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

**(Candidates) I will.**

*(Crosses are presented to those transferring in: Char/Julita/David)*

### **RECEPTION INTO THE CONGREGATION OF FIRST UMC OF RIVERSIDE** (All Candidates)

(Pastor addresses all candidates) As members of this congregation, First United Methodist Church of Riverside, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

**(Candidates) I will.**

### **COMMENDATION AND WELCOME**

(Pastor addresses the congregation) Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**(Congregation) We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Riverside, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

### **BLESSINGS FOR THOSE RECEIVED AND WELCOMED**

(Pastor) The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

**(All) Amen!**

## PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES OF MEMBERSHIP AND GIFTS

**INTERLUDE:** "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Michael Hassell / Robert Phillips, pianist

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Philippians 4:4-7 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Liturgist) The Word of God for the People of God.

**(All) Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM:** "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" by Charles V. Stanford, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Fred Pratt Green; arranged by Hal H. Hopson / Aldersgate Chorale

**\*GOSPEL READING:** John 15:9-11 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*Your Joy May Be Complete*

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: "REJOICE AND BE HAPPY! IT'S YOUR MOVE... NOW!"** / 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) / **All**

**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:

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 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** (Proverbs 31, Mark 9) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) The righteousness of God sets aside bias and jealousy as we welcome the opportunity to care for God's children. Listen to the winds of hope. Look for the light of wisdom. May this light remain steadfast as we seek ways to share our treasures, talents, and time.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "How Can I Keep from Singing?" by Tom Birchwood

**\*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** (Proverbs 31, Mark 9, James 3) / **All**

**Beloved One, with the work of our hands, we create pathways of care. With open hearts, we welcome your abundant wisdom which invites us to share. May our gifts transform our communities into places of humility and generosity. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin

**\*SENDING HYMN: #2222 "The Servant Song" by Richard Gillard / All**

**Verse 1**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

**Verse 2**

**We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we're together on this road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**Verse 3**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Verse 4**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Verse 5**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Verse 6**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE: "Variations on an American Hymn Tune," Part 7, by Gordon Young**

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## *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, Jesse Ruiz Jr., Daryl Salmon, Michelle Arguelles, Chandra Roberts, family of Louise "Lou" Santino.

### *This Week*

#### **Sunday, September 22**

- Worship: New Member Welcoming Sunday; Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; **SERMON: "REJOICE AND 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 Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays) (Youth Room) - Meet in Narthex, 10:15 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Group - All ages welcome! (Youth Room) - 5 pm
- The Habit Burger Grill Fundraiser (flyer in Narthex, in person, or on phone) (Riverside Plaza) - 11 am to 9 pm

#### **Monday, September 23**

- Church Council Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

#### **Tuesday, September 24**

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

#### **Wednesday, September 25**

##### **-Pastor's vacation: 9/25-10/8**

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

#### **Thursday, September 26**

- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

#### **Friday, September 27**

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

#### **Sunday, September 29**

- Worship: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Rev. Bev Devine's sermon, "Prayer Power." (Sanct.) - 10 am
- Annual Christmas Drive for Wesley UMC and FUMCOR. Donation can in (Narthex 9-11) / (Patio 11-12 pm)
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am



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