



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

September 29, 2024 10 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "O God, Thou Faithful God" by Johannes Brahms / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #87 "What Gift Can We Bring" by Jane Marshall / **All** / Led by Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?

What words can convey it, the joy of this day?

**When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?**

Verse 2

**Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.**

**Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.**

Verse 3

**Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.**

Verse 4

**This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** / Led by Sophie Weiss, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Winter, spring, summer, fall. In every season, you are worthy of worship.

(Congregation) Creator God, in good times and bad, sorrow and joy. In all circumstances, you are worthy of worship.

(L) When we feel distant from you or can feel the warmth of your love surrounding us.

Whatever our feelings, you are worthy of worship.

(C) Today, in all things, you are worthy of worship. And so we come to you as we are and give you our worship and praise. This is all for you! Amen!

WELCOME / The Rev. Beverly Devine

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Pastor: "May the peace of Christ be with you."

Congregation: "May the peace of Christ be with you."

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

ANTHEM: "O Sifuni Mungu (All Creatures of Our God and King)," words and music by David Maddux, Marty McCall, Mmunga Mwenebulongo Mulongoy and Asukulu 'Yunu Mukalay, arranged by Roger Emerson / The Aldersgate Chorale, Kris Lovekin, soloist

Translation from Swahili:

*Viumbe vyote vya Mungu wetu na Mfalme wetu
All creatures of our God and king*

*Pazeni sauti ilinasi mwimbe
Lift up your voice and sing with us*

*Watu wote, viumbe vyote, awaye yote, sifu Mungu
All men, all creatures, everybody praise God*

*Imbeni
Sing*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: James 5:13-20 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Prayer of Faith

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

(Liturgist) The Word of God for the people of God

(All) Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "PRAYER POWER" / The Rev. Beverly Devine

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #126 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" by Johann Jakob Schütz / All

Verse 1

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.**

**With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:**

To God all praise and glory.

Verse 2

**The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.**

**As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:**

To God all praise and glory.

Verse 3

Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Verse 4

Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Liturgist) By faith we gather to worship and serve God who created us. By faith we commit ourselves to live according to a different call, as our ancestors in faith did. By faith, then, let us return our offerings to God, that we might live out our hope in God's work.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" by Barry L. Bobb

***DOXOLOGY:** #62 (Vs. 7) "All Creatures of Our God and King" by Francis of Assisi / **All**

**Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!**

**Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING / All /** Led by Liturgist

As we strive to have faith in you, O God, we give thanks for your faith in us. As we seek to make our home in you, we hope that you will find a home in us, so that all we have, all we say, all we do may be to your glory. We pray in the name of your Son, who gives the gift of faith. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin

***SENDING HYMN: #670 "Go Forth for God" by John R. Peacey / All**

Verse 1

**Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

Verse 2

**Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

Verse 3

**Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

Verse 4

**Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata on 'Go Forth for God'" by David Maxwell

We are called to pray for:

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, Marge Wolter, Margaret Berger, Chandra Roberts

This Week

Sunday, September 29

-Pastor Kim's vacation, 9/25-10/8

- Worship: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Rev. Bev Devine's sermon, "Prayer Power" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Annual Christmas Drive for Wesley UMC and FUMCOR families. Donation can is in Narthex. (Due by Nov. 8)
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

Monday, September 30

-Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, October 1

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

-Hospitality Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

Wednesday, October 2

-Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm

-The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 3

-Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 5

Doors Open event! (Sanctuary) - 2 pm - 7 pm

Sunday, October 6

-Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am - 9:45 am

-Worship: World Communion Sunday; Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; Rev. Roy Riggs' sermon, "A New Church" (Sanctuary) - 10 am

-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

-Church and Society/Missions Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am

-Cooking for Family Promise (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

-U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Group (Youth Room) - 5 pm

-Annual Christmas Drive for Wesley UMC and FUMCOR families. Donation can is in Narthex. (Due by Nov. 8)

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