



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

September 8, 2024 10 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Improvisation on 'In Christ Alone'" by Benjamin M. Culli / Robert Phillips,
Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" by Henry Van Dyke / **All** /
Led by Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

Verse 2

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Verse 4

Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (James 2, Mark 7) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Place your trust in God.

(Congregation) God's faithfulness is unshakeable.

(L) May our worship this day strengthen our faith.

(C) May our faithfulness be unshakeable.

(L) May our words and actions be good and true.

(All) May we grow in godliness each and every day. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Pastor) As forgiven and reconciled children of Christ, let's share signs of reconciliation,
love, and welcome with one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (James 2, Mark 7)

We place our trust in you, O God, for your love and faithfulness are steadfast and true. Breathe your Holy Spirit into our worship and your very presence into our lives, that our love and faithfulness may be steadfast and true. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:29-32 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Rules for the New Life

²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

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

(All) Thanks be to God

ANTHEM: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" by John Ferguson / The Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:21-22; 20:1-16** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Forgiveness

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

^{20:1} "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius.

¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "GRACE ALONE AND BEYOND" (Part 9 of the sermon series, *"Live Your Happy Life Today!"*) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #2162 "Grace Alone"** by Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson / All

Verse 1

Every promise we can make,
every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make
is only by his grace.

Every mountain we will climb,
every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind
is only by his grace.

Refrain

Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.

Verse 2

Every soul we long to reach,
every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace
is only by his grace.

Every loving word we say,
every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise
is only by his grace. (Refrain)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Proverbs 22, James 2, Mark 7) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God has chosen the poor as heirs of God's kingdom. God calls us to value the needs of this world more highly than we value silver and gold. May our offerings reflect the values to which God calls us.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Amazing Grace" by Charles Callahan

***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** (James 2, Mark 7) / Led by Liturgist

Through these gifts and offerings, bless your world, O God. Through our lives and our actions, bring love to your creation, that all may know your presence and live in your grace. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin

***SENDING HYMN:** #3105 "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / **All**

Verse 1

**In Christ alone, my hope is found;
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

Verse 2

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

Verse 3

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan
can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (James 2, Mark 7)

(Pastor) Go as God's children.

(Congregation) We go as Christ's hands and feet.

(P) Go as God's faithful followers.

(All) We go to live our faith with love in action. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Toccata Giocosa" by Gilbert M. Martin

New Members Welcoming Sunday

September 22, 2024 10 am

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

Pastor Kim - (951) 683-7831 - pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org

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, Judy McArthur, Carol Erdman, John and Susan Page-Logger, Robert and Benita Roberts, Mack Davis, LJ Arguelles, Brian Robison, Yvonne Peters, and the family of Louise "Lou" Santino.

This Week

Sunday, September 8

- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- Worship: Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Pastor J. T. Kim offers: **"GRACE ALONE AND BEYOND"** (Part 9 of the sermon series, **"Live Your Happy Life Today!"**) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) - 10:15 am
- United Methodist Men's Lunch - Guest speaker, Jessica Hall, Chief of the Norco Station of the County Sheriff's Office. She is the daughter-in-law of Daryl and Lee Ann Salmon. (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth (Youth Room) 5 pm - 6:30 pm

Monday, September 9

- Trustees Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm
- Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
- Wednesday Bible Study (Zoom) - 7 pm

Thursday, September 12

- United Women in Faith "Lunch Bunch" at Monark Asian Bistro, Canyon Crest - 11:30 am
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm
- Tri-Church United Women in Faith, Bible Study. Speaker: Cheryl Riggs, PhD (Zoom) - 7 pm

Friday, September 13

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

Sunday, September 15

- Youth Bell Rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
- 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

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