



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

October 13, 2024 10 am

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost / Stewardship Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Wilbur Held and Van Denman Thompson / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #133** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Elisha A Hoffman and Anthony J. Showalter / **All** / Led by Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Verse 2

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Hebrews 4) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Come and worship.

(Congregation) God is here.

(L) Listen for God's word.

(C) It is alive and active.

(L) Draw near to the source of mercy.

(All) The God of grace is with us. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Pastor) Christ sympathizes with us in our weakness and comes to us in our need.
In gratitude for this great gift, let us share signs of Christ's peace with one another.
Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

INTRODUCTION by Greg Laird, Chair of Staff Parish Relations Committee

-Lisa Skiver, Preschool Director

-Katie Inman, Preschool Secretary

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (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

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-31** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Rich Man's Search for Eternal Life

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸ Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹ Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision," traditional Irish hymn, arr. by Alice Parker / The Aldersgate Chorale

SERMON: "THE GRACE OF GIVING" (Stewardship Sermon 1 of 2) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #396** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" by John E. Bode and Arthur H. Mann / **All**

Verse 1

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

Verse 2

**O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.**

Verse 3

**O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.**

Verse 4

**O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Jesus challenged the rich man to sell what he had and give to the poor. He challenges us today to be generous in our giving, trusting God's provision for our lives.
(All) Amen!

OFFERTORY: "When We Are Living" by Emma Lou Diemer

***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** (Mark 10) / Liturgist

Generous God, we bring you our gifts today. We recognize that all we have comes from you. May these gifts bring hope to places of pain and need. We want to be followers of Jesus, who leads us from greed into service. We offer ourselves. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #356** "When We Are Living" (Verses 1-4) by Elise S. Eslinger, George Lockwood, Hal H. Hopson, and Roberto Escamilla. / **All**

Verse 1

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

Verse 2

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

Verse 3

**'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

Verse 4

**Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Psalm 22, Hebrews 4)

(Pastor) Whenever we feel poured out like water,

(All) Christ offers us grace and mercy.

(P) Whenever we feel abandoned and alone,

(All) Christ gives us hope and encouragement.

(P) Christ is there when our need is great.

(All) Thanks be to God. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Toccata" by Gordon Young

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,
Michelle Arguelles, Marge Wolter, Margaret Berger, Chandra Roberts, Bill and Helen Nuchols,
Jesse Ruiz Jr., Cheryl Riggs's sister, Claudia

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**NEXT NEW MEMBERS WELCOMING SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 24, 2024 (Thanksgiving Sunday)**

If you'd like to join our church through your Baptism, Reaffirmation of Faith, or Transfer,  
please let us know. [fumc@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:fumc@firstchurchriverside.org) (951) 683-7831

## *This Week*

### **Sunday, October 13**

- Worship: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost – Stewardship Sunday. Rev. J. T. Kim’s sermon, “THE GRACE OF GIVING” (Stewardship Sermon #1 of 2) (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children’s Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Sunday School (Youth Room) – 10:15 am
- Annual Christmas Drive for Wesley UMC and FUMCOR families. Donation can is in Narthex. (Due by Nov. 8)
- UMM Luncheon: “Trash Talkin” by Guest speaker, Janet Moreland, Supervising Recycling Specialist. (Fellowship Hall) – 11:15 am

### **Monday, October 14**

- Hospitality Team Meeting (Zoom) – 7 pm

### **Tuesday, October 15**

- Staff Meeting (Conference Rm) – 10 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 7 pm
- Nominations Committee Meeting (Zoom) – 7 pm

### **Wednesday, October 16**

- Parents’ Morning Out (Nursery) – 9 am – 12 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm
- Pastor Kim’s Bible Study, “The Grace of Giving” (#2 of 4 classes) (Zoom) – 7 pm

### **Thursday, October 17**

- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) – 7 pm
- United Women in Faith, Bible Study “Wrestling with Doubt and Finding Faith” by Adam Hamilton. (Zoom) – 6:45 pm

### **Friday, October 18**

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

### **Saturday, October 19**

- Flapjacks for FUMPS (Fellowship Hall) – 8 am to 11 am
- Empty Nesters Chili Cookoff! (Fellowship Hall) – 5 pm

### **Sunday, October 20**

- Donation can in Narthex for Annual Christmas Drive – 9 am
- Worship: “Laity Sunday” Speakers: Guatemala Project (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children’s Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Guatemala Project Display/Sale (Patio) – 11 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday dinner, fellowship, and fun (Youth Room) – 5 pm

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