



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

October 20, 2024

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Laity Sunday**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God" by Richard I. Purvis / Robert Phillips,  
Organist

**\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*CHORAL INTROIT** "This Is the Day" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale,  
directed by Yvonne Flagg

**CALL TO WORSHIP** / Sarah Overton Fraser, Liturgist

Leader: To the God who gifted us life and breath upon our birth,

**People: I will care for the creation of the Lord.**

(L) To the God who placed the earth and all that it contains in our hands,

**(P) I will care for the creation of the Lord.**

(L) To the God who gave holy dignity to each human being, each child of God around  
the world,

**(P) I will care for the creation of the Lord.**

**All: Let us worship the Lord together. Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN:** "You Are So Good to Me" by Don Chaffer, Ben Pasley, and Robin Pasley / **All** / Led by The Response

**Chorus**

**You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song.  
You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song.  
You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song.  
I will sing again. I will sing again.**

**Verse 1**

**You are so good to me.  
You heal my broken heart.  
You are my Father in heaven. (Repeat)**

**Chorus**

**You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song.  
You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song.**

**Verse 2**

**You ride upon the clouds.  
You lead me to the truth.  
You are the Spirit inside me. (Repeat)**

**Chorus**

**You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song.  
You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song.  
You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song.  
I will sing again.**

**Bridge**

**You are my strong melody.  
You are my dancing rhythm.  
You are my perfect rhyme,  
and I will sing of you forever.**

**Verse 3**

**You poured out all your blood.  
You died upon the cross.  
You are my Jesus who loves me. (Repeat)**

**Chorus**

**You are beautiful, my sweet, sweet song. (x7)  
You are my Father in heaven.  
You are the Spirit inside me.  
You are my Jesus who loves me.**

**WELCOME** / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Sharing the peace of Christ is part of our identity as disciples of Jesus Christ. Offering peace is our first commission from Jesus regarding what it means to be his disciples. Sharing the peace is an act of ministry. It is something that all followers of Jesus are given the authority to do and are commissioned by Jesus to do.

This morning we will offer the Peace of Christ to one another.

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

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

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

- We hold these in our prayers:

Norma Nelson, 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

**LAITY LITANY:** #432 (The United Methodist Book of Worship) / Led by Liturgist

(Leader) From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family:

With Adam and eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth and Jeremiah.

**(People) Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

(L) All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

**(P) All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

(L) The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

**(P) It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God's love and ours.**

(L) In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

**(P) that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE:** "Amen" (Dresden)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Lucinda Graves

**ANTHEM:** "Care for Creation" by Pepper Choplin / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

**PSALM 104** / Liturgist

**God the Creator and Provider**

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, O my soul.

O Lord my God, you are very great.

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

<sup>2</sup> wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent;

<sup>3</sup> you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;

you make the clouds your chariot;

you ride on the wings of the wind;

<sup>4</sup> you make the winds your messengers,

fire and flame your ministers.

<sup>5</sup> You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it shall never be shaken.

<sup>6</sup> You cover it with the deep as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

<sup>7</sup> At your rebuke they flee;

at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

<sup>8</sup> They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,

to the place that you appointed for them.

<sup>9</sup> You set a boundary that they may not pass,

so that they might not again cover the earth.

**INTERLUDE:** "My Father's World," arranged by Jason W. Krug / The Allegro Ringers, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Philippians 4:1-9 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

**Exhortations**

<sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. <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.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

(Liturgist) The word of God for the people of God.

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

**MESSAGE:** "Creation Care in Guatemala" by Carolyn Ingram, volunteer for "Guatemala Project"

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #593** "Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Shutte

**Verse 1**

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.**

**All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.**

**I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.**

**Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**Verse 2**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.**

**I have wept for love of them. They turn away.**

**I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.**

**I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**Verse 3**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,**

**I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.**

**Finest bread I will provide till their hearts are satisfied.**

**I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

**Refrain**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.**

**I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I will hold your people in my heart.**

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:**

**God, you bring us together in this place.**

**We come to be fed, to be renewed, to seek understanding.**

**God, you challenge us in this place.**

**We embrace the challenge,**

**trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.**

**God, you are revealed in this place –**

**sometimes in shining glory, sometimes in tears and struggle.**

**God, as we worship in this place, refresh, renew and challenge us**

**so that we would see your awesomeness.**

**We pray in Jesus' name, as we strive to walk the path of discipleship.**

**Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist**

(Liturgist) As God has blessed us with the glory of love and light, so God invites us to share these gifts to light God's world.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY: "Morning Has Broken" by Richard Proulx**

**\*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 / Led by Liturgist**

**(ALL) We remember our past misfortunes and wilderness wanderings. We give our gifts with endless gratitude that we have found our way. May what we give enable others to find their way to our living Lord. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS**

**\*SENDING HYMN: "My Lighthouse" by Chris Llewellyn and Gareth Gilkeson / All**

**Verse 1**

**In my wrestling and in my doubts,  
in my failures, you won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, (whoa-oh)  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**Verse 2**

**In the silence, you won't let go.  
In the questions, your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea, (whoa-oh)  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**Refrain**

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse,  
shining in the darkness, I will follow you. (whoa-oh)  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise, you will carry me  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

**Verse 3**

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through.  
You are the peace in my troubled sea,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.**

**Refrain**

**My lighthouse, my lighthouse,  
shining in the darkness, I will follow you. (whoa-oh)  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise, you will carry me  
safe to shore, safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore.**

**Bridge**

**Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms. (Refrain)**

**\*UNISON CLOSING PRAYER**

**Loving God, we, your beloved, go forth today in the assurance that whether we answer the first time, the second time, or the hundredth time, you never stop calling us, never stop guiding us, and never stop forming us, because your love never fails. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "All Creatures of Our God and King" by Rebecca Groom te Velde

*Note:*

"All Saints Worship" will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3, 2024.

To honor the lives of their parents (both deceased),  
F. Miriam Harris-Johnson (2008) and Edward L. Johnson (2016),  
daughters Angela and Danielle offer this cornucopia with fall flowers this week.

*Welcome!*

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOMING SUNDAY - November 24, 2024**

**If you desire to join our church as a member,  
please contact the church office (951) 683-7831**

***We would love to welcome you into our church family!***

*The Week Ahead*

**Sunday, October 20**

- Annual Christmas Drive for Wesley UMC and FUMCOR families. Donation can is in Narthex. (Due by 11/8)
- Worship: "Laity Sunday; Speaker, Carolyn Ingram, "Creation Care in Guatemala" (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



### **Monday, October 21**

-Finance Committee (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

### **Tuesday, October 22**

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

-Nominations Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm

### **Wednesday, October 23**

-Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am

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

-Pastor's Stewardship Bible Study (Zoom) - 7 pm

### **Thursday, October 24**

-UWiF Bible Study (Zoom) - 6:45 pm

-Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

### **Friday, October 25**

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

### **Saturday, October 26**

-UWiF Serendipity (Chandler Lounge) - 10 am

-Halloween Organ Concert (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

### **Sunday, October 27**

-Worship: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Rev. J.T. Kim's sermon, "**THE JOY OF GIVING**" (Stewardship Sermon #2 of 2) (Sanctuary) - 10 am

-Annual Christmas Drive for Wesley UMC and FUMCOR families. Donation can is in Narthex. (Due by 11/8)

-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

-The Habit Fundraiser, Riverside Plaza (show flyer in person or on phone) - 11 am to 9:30 pm

-Stained Glass Window tour (Sanctuary) - 11:15 am

-Halloween Hop (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

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