

Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

October 6, 2024 10 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; World Communion Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Meditation on 'Akatombo' (Red Dragonfly)" by Guy Bovet / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

*CHORAL INTROIT: "This Is the Day" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, led by Yvonne Flagg, Choir Director

*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: #880 "The Nicene Creed" [The Nicene Creed, 325 CE, is the oldest universal Creed of the Church. Its primary purpose was to establish the divinity of Jesus.] / Led by Sophie Weiss, Liturgist

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: #376 "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Traditional Latin hymn, translated as "Give Us Peace" and sung as a round) / All / Led by Phil Bremenstuhl, Hymn Leader

a. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

b. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.

Dona nobis pacem.

c. Dona nobis pacem, pacem.Dona nobis pacem.

WELCOME / Rev. Roy Riggs

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST / Pastor

When we offer Jesus' peace, we offer ourselves and the saving power of forgiveness through our words and actions. We offer open hands, open hearts, and open minds to share God's invitation of peace and reconciliation.

- (P) May the peace of Christ be with you!
- (C) May the peace of Christ be with you!

^{*}universal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Peacemaking God, we pray for the peace of our world. A day does not go by when, somewhere in the world, Christians gather to eat, pray, serve, and worship you as a community. Whether it's around an altar or a kitchen table, your people gather as one Body in Christ. And yet we know, for many, those gatherings happen amidst war, famine, weather crises, political unrest, and communal fracturing. And so we lift our siblings around the world, our communities, and all of creation to you, and we cry out for your peace to reign among us.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

LITANY FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY by Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II), UMC Hymnal #556 Pastor: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen in all Christians faith in Christ, the Savior of the world.

Congregation: Listen to us, O Lord.

- (P) Let us ask the Lord to sustain and guide Christians with his gifts along the way to full unity.
- (C) Listen to us, O Lord.
- (P) Let us ask the Lord for the gift of unity and peace for the world.
- (C) Listen to us, O Lord.
- (P) Let us pray. We ask you, O Lord, for the gifts of your Spirit. Enable us to penetrate the depth of the whole truth,

and grant that we may share with others

the goods you have put at our disposal.

Teach us to overcome divisions. Send us your Spirit

to lead to full unity your sons and daughters in full charity, in obedience to your will; through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Led by Christina Graves

ANTHEM: "Order My Steps (In Your Word)" by Glenn Burleigh, arranged by Jack Schrader.

*GOSPEL READING: John 13:34–35 / Liturgist

³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "A New Church" by The Reverend Roy Riggs, Pastor

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #431 "Let There Be Peace on Earth" by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.

With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:

to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist

- (L) As we bring our gifts before Jesus today, we remember his infinite love that welcomes everyone, especially the vulnerable and the overlooked.
- (C) We bring our offerings, hoping to reflect our dedication to living out his kingdom's values.
- (L) The ushers are invited to receive our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "A Va De (Come, Let Us Eat)" by Frank Ferko

*DOXOLOGY: #95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" by Thomas Ken 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 / All / Liturgist

Generous God, thank you for your provision. You help us to see and meet the needs around us with open hearts and willing hands, extending your grace and compassion to all. Bless these gifts and use them to further your work in our community and beyond, so everyone may know and feel your love. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

(Congregation) And also with you.

- (P) Lift up your hearts.
- (C) We lift them up to the Lord.
- (P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- (C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- (P) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

(ALL) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(P) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(ALL) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(P) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

(Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader) Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

(P) Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

(ALL) Amen.

GIVING & SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP / Pastor

For those who are here in person, you are invited to come forward to take communion elements with three options: (1) You can take the communion in a traditional way. Take a piece of Bread and dip it into the Cup, then eat it. (2) Or you can simply take a "Fellowship Cup," which includes both elements, from the basket and eat it in your seat. It's your choice. (3) If desired, you may take a "Gluten Free Fellowship Cup" from the bowl.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: "Supplication from Japan and Meditation from China" by Roberta Bitgood

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (A prayer by Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace) / **All**

On this World Communion Sunday, we remember that, for all that makes us different from one another, we share in this sacrament that Christ gave us as a means of grace that helps us remember who we are as the Body of Christ. On this Sunday, we remember that we are connected to one another in the family of God through Jesus Christ and that we all come to the Table to share in this Holy Meal as but a taste of the heavenly banquet we all will share in the presence of God. Alleluia!

LAITY BLESSING / Kris Lovekin

*SENDING HYMN: #729 "O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines" by Carl P. Daw, Jr., and Charles Hubert Hastings Parry; harmonized by Charles H. Webb.

Verse 1

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Verse 2

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small; as beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.

Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord; the hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

*PRAYER AND BENEDICTION / Pastor

POSTLUDE: "Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)" by John A. Behnke

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

This Week

<u>Sunday, October 6</u>

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

Monday, October 7

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

<u>Tuesday, October 8</u>

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

Wednesday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 10

- -UWF Lunch Bunch (Lazy Dog, 380 McKinley St, Corona) 11 am
- -Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) 7 pm
- -Pastor's Stewardship Bible Study, "The Grace of Giving" (Zoom) 7 pm

Friday, October 11

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

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