

Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

November 3, 2024 10 am

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost;
All Saints Sunday; Holy Communion with Remembrance

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Aria on 'For All the Saints" by David M. Cherwien / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #711 "For All the Saints" (Vss. 1, 2, 4 & 6 only) by William W. How / All / Led by Rev. Bev Devine, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 2

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 4

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 6

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 25, Psalm 24, Revelation 21) / Led by Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist (Liturgist) Lift up your heads, O gates!

(Congregation) The King of glory has come.

- (L) Mourning and death shall be no more.
- (C) Feast on rich food and fine wine.
- (L) Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

(All) Amen!

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

(Pastor) Beloved saints, we are all God's children, made one in Christ Jesus. Let us share signs of unity and love, as we share the peace of Christ with one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: #481 "The Prayer of Saint Francis"

(Pastor) Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;

(Congregation) where there is hatred, let me sow love;

- (P) where there is injury, pardon;
- (C) where there is doubt, faith;
- (P) where there is despair, hope;
- (C) where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.
- (P) O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
- (C) to be consoled as to console;
- (P) to be understood, as to understand;
- (C) to be loved, as to love;
- (P) for it is in giving that we receive,
- (C) it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

(All) and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen!

(Written by St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13th century, adapted from The United Methodist Hymnal)

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen," Dresden

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The New Heaven and the New Earth

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more:

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

(All) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "For All the Saints" by Bishop Walsham How, R. Vaughan Williams; arranged by Henry G. Ley / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

*GOSPEL READING: John 11:32-44 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "TRAVELING MERCIES" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #472 "Near to the Heart of God" by Cleland B. McAfee / All Verse 1

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God; a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

Refrain

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before thee near to the heart of God.

Verse 2

There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God; a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

Verse 3

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God; a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. [Refrain]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Luke 6:24) / Liturgist (Liturgist) "Woe to you who are rich!" Jesus warns, "for you have received your consolation." To find true consolation and joy in our worldly riches, we must share from our abundance with those who need it most. Come, rich or poor, for you are welcome here. Give, rich or poor, for your gifts are blessed by God.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" by Wilbur Held

*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 (Adapted from Psalm 149, Luke 6) / Led by Liturgist God of abundant love, hear the song of our hearts—a song of thankfulness and praise, a song of hope and expectation, a song of laughter and joy, a song of mirth and good will. May the song of your love sing forth through our tithes and offerings, and through the gift of our very lives. May the joy of our hearts break forth—in acts of comfort to those who weep, in acts of mercy to the poor and imprisoned, in acts of encouragement to the weary. We ask this in the name of your Son, who opened our hearts to see your love. Amen.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION WITH REMEMBRANCE

COLLECT

(Pastor) Timeless God, we thank you for all those before us who have kept the faith to the end. We thank you for brave souls of deathless fame, and also for those whose names are remembered only by you. Give us wisdom to understand your will, and courage to live as your people in this day, through the grace of Jesus Christ.

(All) Amen.

INVITATION

(Pastor) Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Adapted from Ephesians 1, Luke 6) / All (Pastor) Merciful God, may we never forget those who sacrificed much, that we might have lives of abundance and hope.

(Congregation) When we take our many blessings for granted, forgive us.

- (P) When we forget the many people who have touched and strengthened our lives with your love and Christ's wisdom, gently remind us.
- (C) Guide our steps, O God, that we may walk in the ways of blessedness.
- (P) Strengthen our spirits, that we may trust and follow your guidance.
- (All) Amen!

SILENT PRAYER / All

WORDS OF GRACE AND PARDON

(Pastor) Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(C) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

(All) Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

- (C) 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.

(All) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of the saints, creator of heaven and earth. From the ancient dreams of Daniel to the journeys of Jesus, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. When your people ignored your dreams and visions, and when they placed their trust in earthly kings, you came to us as a Mighty King, revealing the truth and glory of your powerful love.

Through the law and prophets, through saints and sinners, you have taught us to be your people. In love and mercy, you speak truth and blessing, constantly renewing your covenant with us. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All Sing)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastor) Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love in the world, to show us the path of saintliness and holy living. In humility and love, with justice and power, Christ revealed your kingdom, and calls us to kingdom living, even now.

Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led on your path of justice and righteousness, that we may rejoice with the saints of your kingdom. We, who are both saint and sinner, blessed and cursed, come to you in our joys and in our sorrows, with thanksgiving and hope, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, even when he faced the sinfulness of his disciples.

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 Sing)

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(Pastor) 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.

MEMORIAL RITUAL

(The Allegro Ringers will play as the name of each person is read. A candle will be lit as a remembrance by a worship leader or a designated person.

When Pastor says, "Absent from our midst,"

the Congregation responds by saying, "Present with the Lord!")

(Pastor) Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

(Pastor) (Name), Absent from our midst – (All) Present with the Lord!

Bill McInroe (February 8, 1931 - January 11, 2024)

Oreda Kay Otto (April 1, 1926 - February 21, 2024)

Elizabeth Davis (September 1, 1937 - April 6, 2024)

Bessie Ridley (May 30, 1919 - April 19, 2024)

Dale Grout (June 12, 1928 – July 9, 2024)

Louise Santino (August 30, 1935 - September 2, 2024)

And all our loved ones who have gone before us.

SILENT PRAYER FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

(Pastor) Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. 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.

(All) Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

(All Sing)

Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

(All) 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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

(Pastor) The life of Christ, living in you.

(C) The love of Christ, flowing through you.

(All) Amen!

(Pastor) Please take your Bread and Cup now here in the sanctuary or at your home.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: "The Celestial Banquet" by Olivier Messiaen

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

*SENDING HYMN: #707 "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth / All

Verse 1

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Verse 2

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Verse 3

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (Adapted from Haggai 1)

(Pastor) Go forth with courage, for God is with us.

(Congregation) God goes with us to guide us.

- (P) Go forth with faith, for Christ is with us.
- (C) Christ goes with us to heal us.
- (P) Go forth with hope, for the Spirit makes us whole.
- (All) The Spirit goes with us to strengthen us. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord" by James H. Johnson

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Barbara Spencer, 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

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!

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE (2024–2025) Saturday, November 23, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

FUMCOR and Wesley UMC meet together in Fellowship Hall. East District Superintendent, Rev. Moonyoung Lee, presiding

This Week

Sunday, November 3

- -Allegro Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:45 am
- -Chapel Prayer (Chapel) 9:15 am 9:45 am
- -Worship: All Saints Sunday; Communion Sunday; Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Pastor J. T. Kim's sermon, "Traveling Mercies" (Sanctuary) 10 am
- -Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) 10:15 am
- -Church and Society/Missions Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) 11:15 am
- -U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Group (Youth Room) 5 pm
- -Annual Christmas Drive for Wesley UMC and FUMCOR families.

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

Wednesday, November 6

- -Parents' Morning Out Children's Ministry (Nursery) 9 am 12 pm
- -UWF Executive Board Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) 10 am
- -The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm

Thursday, November 7

- -Church Conference reports due to office 10 am 2 pm
- -UWiF Bible Study, "Wrestling with Doubt and Finding Faith" by Adam Hamilton (Zoom) 6:45 pm
- -Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) 7 pm
- -SPRC meets with District Superintendent (Zoom) 7 pm

<u>Friday, November 8</u>

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

Sunday, November 10

- -Allegro Ringers Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 8:45 am
- -Youth Bells rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) 9:30 am
- -Worship: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; "Pillar of Faith" by Rev. Bev Devine (Sanctuary) 10 am
- -Children's Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) 10:15 am 11 am
- -Youth Worship (Meet in Narthex after Children's Moment) 10:15 am
- -United Methodist Men Lunch with speaker, Dave Stolte, president of the Old Riverside Foundation. He will speak about historic preservation. A delicious lunch will be served! (Fellowship Hall) – 11:30 am

REMINDER: TURN CLOCKS BACK Sunday, November 3

- Pastor's Study Leave November 7 13
- Church office and campus closed:
 - November 11 for Veterans Day
 - o November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving

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