



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

October 27, 2024 10 am

**Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost;
Reformation Sunday; Commitment Sunday**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Ah, My God and Lord" by Johann Gottfried Walther / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #92 "For the Beauty of the Earth" by Folliot S. Pierpoint / **All** /
Led by Jennifer Walker, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Verse 2

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight;**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Verse 4

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild; (Refrain)**

Verse 5

**For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)**

Verse 6

**For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven: (Refrain)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Job 42, Psalm 34) / Led by Steve Kerrick, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Magnify the Lord.

(Congregation) Praise God's holy name.

(L) The Lord hears the pleas of the perishing.

(C) God transforms our suffering into songs of joy.

(L) God restores our fortunes when calamity strikes.

(All) Bless the Lord and praise God's holy name! Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Psalm 34)

(Pastor) Even in our darkest hours when God seems far away, the grace and mercy of Christ are in our midst when we share greetings of peace in his name. Let us share these gifts with one another by passing the peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

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

(All) Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: "You Are Mine" by David Haas, arr. by Mark Hayes / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:46-52** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Healing of Blind Bartimaeus

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

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

***PRESENTATION OF YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS / HYMN OF DEDICATION:**

#454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See" by Clara H. Scott / **All**

Verse 1

**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Verse 2

**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Verse 3

**Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.**

**Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.**

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Job 42, Ps 34, Mark 10) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Just as God restores sight to the blind and benevolence to the afflicted, let us give our offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "O Christ, Thou Art My Life" by Johann Pachelbel and Johann Gottfried Walther

***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** (Job 42, Ps 34, Mark 10) / Liturgist

May our gifts find those who cry out in their need and who seek you with their whole hearts. We ask this in Jesus' name, the name above all names. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin

***SENDING HYMN: #419 "I Am Thine, O Lord"** by John R. Peacey / **All**

Verse 1

**I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.**

Refrain:

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

Verse 2

**Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend! (Refrain)**

Verse 4

**There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee. (Refrain)**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Ps 26, Heb 7)

(Pastor) We once were broken, but now are whole.

(Congregation) We go with peace in our hearts.

(P) We once were blind, but now we see.

(C) We go with hope for our lives.

(P) We once were lost, but now are found.

(C) We go with joy and thanksgiving.

(P) We once were alone, but now are family.

(All) We go with God. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Toccata from 'Suite Gothique'" by Leon Boëllmann

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

Sunday, October 27

- Worship: Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Commitment Sunday; 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 (6th-12th grades) (2nd & 4th 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 by Mike Alfred (Sanctuary) - 11:15 am
- Halloween Hop! (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

Monday, October 28

- Church Council Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, October 29

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

Wednesday, October 30

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - 12 pm
- FUMPS Halloween Parade - 11:30 am
- Response Band rehearsal - 6:30 pm
- Pastor's Stewardship Bible Study (#4 of 4) (Zoom) - 7 pm

Thursday, October 31

- FUMPS Halloween Parade - 11:30 am
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, November 1

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

Sunday, November 3

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am - 9:45 am
- Worship: All Saint's 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 (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)

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If you desire to join our church as a member,
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