



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

December 29, 2024 10 am

Order of Worship

First Sunday after Christmas Day

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "The Old Year Now Hath Passed Away" by Johann Sebastian Bach / Robert Phillips, organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 148, Luke 2, Colossians 3) / Josephine Essien, Liturgist
(Liturgist) We gather this morning ready to listen.

(People) Open our ears, Lord.

(L) We gather this morning ready to learn.

(P) Open our minds, Lord.

(L) We gather this morning ready to love.

(P) Open our hearts, Lord.

(L) We gather this morning ready to worship.

(P) Open our spirits to receive you, Lord.

(L) We gather to praise the Lord Almighty!

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #251** "Go Tell It on the Mountain" by John W. Work, Jr., and William Farley Smith
/ Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

Refrain:

**Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold throughout the heavens
there shown a holy light.

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.

Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo! above the earth,
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed the Savior's birth. (Refrain)

Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. (Refrain)

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Colossians 3:13)

(Pastor) Called to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, let us greet one another with words of mercy, love, and peace. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER – Sharing of Joys and Concerns

THE WESLEY COVENANT PRAYER

(Pastor) I am no longer my own, but thine.

(Congregation) Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.

(L) Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

(P) Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,

(L) exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

(P) Let me be full, let me be empty.

(L) Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

(P) I freely and heartily yield all things

(L) to thy pleasure and disposal.

(P) And now, O glorious and blessed God,

(L) Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

(P) thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

(L) And the covenant which I have made on earth,

(All) let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

(Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 291)

INTERLUDE: "The Virgin's Slumber Song" by Martin Boelitz and Max Reger / Yvonne Flagg, soloist

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 3:12-17 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The New Life in Christ

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Noël Joyeux" by Gordon Young / Robert Phillips, Organist

SERMON: "FLOURISING IN CHRIST" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #240** "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" by Charles Wesley, George Whitefield, Felix Mendelssohn, and William Cummings

Verse 1

**Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Verse 2

**Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come, offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Verse 3

**Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Matthew 2) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) When the wise men saw the child with Mary his mother, they knelt down and paid him homage, offering gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let us follow their example, as we bring our offerings to the Christ child.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "O Hail This Joyful Day of Days" by Johann Sebastian Bach

***DOXOLOGY: #95** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" / **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** (Adapted from Psalm 148, Luke 2) / Liturgist

God of the heavens and the earth, we come before you in celebration, bringing gifts for those who cannot celebrate with us. Our songs of praise are for your name and honor. May these gifts give others the opportunity to sing praises to your name as they come to know the endless love you have for each of your children. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #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.

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Adapted from Isa 61, Luke 2)

(Pastor) Go in peace, for we have seen the salvation of our God.

(Congregation) We go with joy, for Christ has clothed us with love.

(Pastor) Go in hope, for the Spirit shows us our glorious inheritance in the Lord.

(All) We go with God. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "In Thee Is Gladness" by Johann Sebastian Bach

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Melissa Williams, Robin Renteria, Desmond Renteria, Bill and Helen Nuchols, David Fraser, Pat Williams, Pat Beals, Greg Laird, Barbara Spencer, Norma Nelson, Mary Herrmann, Michael Thompson, Jim Ashworth, Linda Rydzik, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Mack Davis, John and Susan Page-Logger, Yvonne Peters, Robert and Benita Roberts, LJ Arguelles, Michelle Arguelles, Marge Wolter, Margaret Berger, Chandra Roberts, Jesse Ruiz Jr., De'Ann McWilliams, the family of William Waite, the family of William Hunter, the family of Beulah Leake, the family of Mimi (Taylor) Grimes

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please contact the church office for more details.

Sunday, December 29

-Worship / Sermon: "FLOURISHING IN CHRIST " by Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
-Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am - 11 am

Monday, December 30

-Preschool closed (Preschool resumes January 7)

Tuesday, December 31

-Church campus closed at noon

Wednesday, January 1

-Church campus closed

Thursday, January 2

-Church office open
-Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, January 3

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

Sunday, January 5

-Chapel Prayer Circle (Chapel) - 9:15 am - 9:45 pm
-Youth Bells rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 9:30 am
-Epiphany Sunday/Holy Communion - 10 am
-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
-Church and Society/Missions meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
-U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Group (Youth Room) - 5 pm

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