



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

January 26, 2025 10 am

Third Sunday after the Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE "When We Are Living" by Edwin T. Childs / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #77** "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart K. Hine / **All** / Led by Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!**

Verse 2

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]**

Verse 3

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]**

Verse 4

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

Refrain:

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how great thou art, how great thou art!**

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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Nehemiah 8, Psalm 19) / Led by Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Day pours forth speech and night declares knowledge.

(Congregation) What voices speak without words or speech?

(L) The heavens are telling the glory of God.

(C) We listen but do not understand.

(L) The Law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

(C) Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?

(L) Pray in the Spirit and you will perceive.

(All) Amen!

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Psalm 19)

(Pastor) The heavens above and every part of creation below reveal God's glory without speech. Look at one another in wonder and silently share the peace of Christ with a smile, bow, handshake, hug, or simple reverence. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH'S MISSION RECOGNITION / Lyn Knowles, UWIF President

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Ps 19, 1 Cor 12, Luke 4) / **All** / Led by Pastor Kim

Holy One, we often forget to rejoice in the gift of each new day. We close our ears to the voices of rivers and streams – voices that sing your praises day and night. We close our eyes to the need of our neighbors and refuse to see their suffering and pain.

We close our hearts to your proclamations of hope and freedom – proclamations of good news and release for all who live in oppression and fear. Forgive us when we keep your good gifts closed tightly in our own fists.

You invite us into your very breath – as the Holy Spirit breathes us into awareness of your loving presence. In our prayers, in our songs, and in our silence, teach us how to be your holy body, to bring good news to world that yearns for you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-22, 26-27 (CEB) / Liturgist

One Body with Many Members

¹² Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. ¹³ We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Certainly the body isn't one part but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁶ If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. ¹⁹ If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? ²⁰ But as it is, there are many parts but one body. ²¹ So the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." ²² Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. . . .

²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. ²⁷ You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

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

(All) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "Sound the Trumpet! Praise Him!" by Franz Joseph Haydn / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 4:14-21 (CEB) / Liturgist

Jesus Announces Good News to the Poor

¹⁴ Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. ¹⁷ The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

**¹⁸ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the prisoners
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to liberate the oppressed,**

¹⁹ and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

**²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down.
Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. ²¹ He began to explain to
them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "DO NO HARM" (Part 1 of 2): "John Wesley's Three Simple Rules" Sermon Series
(#1 of 6) / The Reverend J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #356** "Pues Si Vivimos (When We Are Living)," translated by
Elise S. Eslinger, Roberto Escamilla, George Lockwood (verses 1-4) / **All**

Verse 1

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

Verse 2

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

Verse 3

**'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

Verse 4

**Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God is ever faithful and ever loving. Let us bring our gifts before God this morning with our sincere and grateful hearts.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" by Rebecca Groom te Velde

***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 /** Led by Liturgist

Gracious God: May our offering reflect our commitment to lead lives of love, as we continue Jesus' mission to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed. In the name of Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

SENDING HYMN: #664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" by Omer Westendorf

Verse 1

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

Verse 2

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12) / **All**

(Pastor) In one Spirit, we perceive the glory of God proclaimed in the heavens above.

(Congregation) Spirit, make us one.

(P) In one faith, we have been nurtured through the precepts of the living Lord.

(C) Christ, make us one.

(P) In one great love, we have been saved.

(C) God, make us one.

(P) Go with the blessing of God, that all might be one.

(All) Amen!

POSTLUDE: "How Great Thou Art" by Wilbur Held

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Bill Woodard, Ed Lamers, Melissa Williams, David Fraser, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Pat Beals,
Greg Laird, Barbara Spencer, Norma Nelson, Mary Herrmann, Michael Thompson,
Jim Ashworth, Linda Rydzik, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Mack Davis, Yvonne Peters,
Robert and Benita Roberts, LJ Arguelles, Michelle Arguelles, Marge Wolter,
Chandra Roberts, De'Ann McWilliams, Desmond Renteria, Ruben Renteria,
the family of Robin Renteria, the family of William Waite, the family of Pat Williams,
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

Sunday, January 26

-Worship - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany, Pastor J. T. Kim's New Sermon Series begins: "John Wesley's Three Simple Rules" #1; United Women in Faith's Mission Recognition Moment (Sanctuary) - 10 a.m.

-Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am - 11 am

-Youth Worship (meet in narthex at 10:15) (Youth Room)

-"The Habit" Fundraiser - 11 am - 9 pm

-Music Committee Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:15 am

Monday, January 27

-Church Council Meeting (Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 28

-Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am - noon

-Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Wednesday, January 29

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

Thursday, January 30

-UWiF - Jesus in Me - Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion (Zoom) - 6:45 pm

-Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, January 31

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

Saturday, February 1

-Pat Williams Celebration of Life (Sanctuary) - 11 am (with reception following in FH)

Sunday, February 2

-Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15-9:45 am

-Worship - 4th Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Communion Sunday (Sanctuary) - 10 am

-Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am - 11 am

-Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am

-U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm

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