



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

February 2, 2025 10 am

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Holy Communion Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Spiritual: Round About the Mountain" by Noel Da Costa / Robert Phillips,
Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #448 "Go Down, Moses," African-American spiritual / Led by
Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**When Israel was in Egypt's land,
let my people go;
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
let my people go.**

Refrain:

**Go down, Moses,
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

Verse 2

**"Thus saith the Lord," bold Moses said,
let my people go;
"if not, I'll smite your firstborn dead,"
let my people go. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**No more shall they in bondage toil,
let my people go;
let them come out with Egypt's spoil,
let my people go.**

Refrain:

**Go down, Moses,
way down in Egypt's land;
tell old Pharaoh
to let my people go!**

Verse 4

**We need not always weep and mourn,
let my people go;
and wear those slavery chains forlorn,
let my people go. (Refrain)**

Verse 5

**Come, Moses, you will not get lost,
let my people go;
stretch out your rod and come across,
let my people go. (Refrain)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13, Luke 4) / Led by Steve Kerrick, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Let us gather to listen deeply.

(Congregation) Word of God, speak.

(L) Let us gather with childlike faith.

(C) Ageless wisdom, reveal.

(L) Word of God, speak.

(All) Your servants are listening. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (1 Corinthians 13)

(Pastor) Let us speak with words of love and with gestures of peace, 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

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Jeremiah 1, 1 Corinthians 13, Luke 4) / **All** / Led by Pastor Kim

God of love and life, speak to our hearts this day. Speak words of wisdom and faith. Open our hearts and minds to perceive your message of love, even when it's hard to hear. Strengthen our faith to answer your call, even when we don't feel confident or capable. Be our wisdom, our strength, and our love, that we may bring your wisdom, strength, and love to the world. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:8 (NKJV) / Liturgist

What Does the Lord Require of You?

He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?

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

(All) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "This Little Light of Mine," African-American spiritual arranged by Mark Patterson / The Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:34-40** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "³⁸You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

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

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "Micah 6:8" by Bob Sklar

Micah 6:8

Words and Music by
Bob Sklar

VERSE

♩ = 72

Em/D D G

He has shown thee, O man, what is

CHORUS

5 Asus A G G/D D Em/D D

good, and what the Lord re - quires of thee; He has But to do just - ly,

11 G A2 G2 D

and to love mer - cy, and to walk hum - bly with thy God.

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (1 Corinthians 13) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) As a sign of our love for God, God's church, and God's creation, let us share our gifts and offerings.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "May Be the Last Time, I Don't Know!"—African-American spiritual arranged by William Farley Smith

***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** (1 Corinthians 13, Luke 4) / Led by Liturgist

Bless these gifts, O God, with your love, your strength, and your presence. May the ministries this offering supports be a sign of your love, strength, and presence in the world. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Adapted from Psalm 30, Revelation 5, John 21)

(Pastor) God be with you.

(Congregation) And also with you.

(Pastor) Rejoice and be glad.

(C) We praise God with joy.

(Pastor) Thanks be to God!

(All) We thank God with our whole hearts!

(Pastor) We join with every creature in heaven and on earth, every creature under the earth and in the sea, to sing your praises. You created all that is, bringing forth goodness and new life. You are at work in our world still, transforming lives, healing brokenness, comforting those who mourn.

Your people were not always faithful. They followed their own desires, lashing out in anger, forgetting those in need. You sent prophets to call them back to your paths, reminding them of your love, and telling them to care for one another. You were always faithful, for you loved your people.

And so, we join all creation as we sing praise to you:

(All singing)

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.

(Pastor) You gave us Jesus to walk with us and to show us your love. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and taught us your ways. He showed us the abundance of your love and reminded us to share it with others.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his followers, telling them to love one another. He shared a meal with them, taking bread, blessing it, breaking it, and giving it to them, saying, "This is my very being. When you eat this, remember that I am with you." He took the cup, blessed it, and gave it, saying, "This is the cup of forgiveness, poured out in abundance for you and for all people. As you drink this, remember that I am with you."

And so, we offer our very selves, with glad and grateful hearts, as we proclaim this mystery:

(All singing)

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(Pastor) Send your spirit of abundant love upon these gifts of the earth, bread and wine. Transform them, by the power of your grace, into food for our bodies and nourishment for our souls. Send your Spirit upon us, and transform us by the power of your Wisdom, that we may become the body of Christ, feeding his lambs, and tending to his sheep. All praise is yours, God of power and might, wisdom and honor, glory and blessing. All praise is yours, now and forever.

(All singing)

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.

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 special basket.

For those who are at home, via online or telephone, please take your own Bread and Cup now.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: "Let Us Break Bread Together" by Charles Callahan

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: #618 "Let Us Break Bread Together," African-American spiritual (Vss. 1-3)

Verse 1

**Let us break bread together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

Verse 2

**Let us drink wine together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

Verse 3

**Let us praise God together on our knees, (on our knees)
let us praise God together on our knees. (on our knees)
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Postlude on Two Spirituals ("Go Down, Moses" and "I Want to Be Ready")" by Charles Callahan

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Bill Woodard, Ed Lamers, Melissa Williams, 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 Pat Williams,
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

Sunday, February 2

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15-9:45 am
- Worship - Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, Holy Communion Sunday (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am

Monday, February 3

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

Tuesday, February 4

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) – 9 am – noon
- Bell rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 pm

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

- UWF – Jesus in Me – Experiencing the Holy Spirit as a Constant Companion (Zoom) – 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) – 7 pm

Friday, February 7

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

Sunday, February 9

- Worship – Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) – 10:15 am
- UMM Luncheon (Fellowship Hall) – 11:15 am
- UWiF Bake Sale and Jewelry (Fellowship Hall) – 11:15 am

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