



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

January 12, 2025 10 am

Order of Worship

"Baptism of the Lord Sunday"

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "It Is Well with My Soul" by David Evan Thomas / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** #133 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Elisha A. Hoffman / Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain:

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Verse 2

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Luke 3) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Come to the waters.

(People) We gather at the river.

(L) Come to the waters.

(P) The waters of grace flow over us.

(L) Come to the waters.

(P) We are washed in God's love.

(L) Come to the waters.

(All) We are God's beloved children. Amen!

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Psalm 29)

(Pastor) Peace is a gift of God's love. Let the Lord bless us and give us strength, as we share signs of this peace! Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-7 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

You Are Mine

¹ But now thus says the Lord,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name; you are mine.

² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

³ For I am the Lord your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Cush and Seba in exchange for you.

**⁴ Because you are precious in my sight
and honored and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."**

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

(P) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "Look at the World" by John Rutter / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

*** GOSPEL READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Proclamation of John the Baptist

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals.

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Baptism of Jesus

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to you, O Christ!

SERMON: "YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED!" / The Rev. J. T. Kim

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #252** "When Jesus Came to Jordan" by Fred Pratt Green

Verse 1

**When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon
but as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.**

Verse 2

**He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.**

Verse 3

**Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Isaiah 43, Luke 3) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) We live in security, trusting God's abundant care. Let us give with joy, serving Jesus Christ, God's beloved child.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "When Jesus Came to Jordan" by Timothy Albrecht

***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** (Isaiah 43) / **All** (Led by Liturgist)

Loving God, you bless us with your love. You know each one of us. We live in confidence and trust, knowing your care for us. We bring these gifts to you, our source of life. Use them, we pray, that others may experience your grace and live free from fear. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #377** "It Is Well with My Soul" by Horatio G. Spafford

Verse 1

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Refrain: It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

Verse 2

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)**

Verse 4

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain:

**It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Jon Spong

We are called to pray for:

Ed Lamers, Melissa Williams, Robin Renteria, Desmond Renteria, Bill and Helen Nuchols, David Fraser, 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, the family of William Waite, the family of Margaret Berger, the family of Pat Williams

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, January 12

- Baptism of the Lord Sunday Worship (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

Tuesday, January 14

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm
- SPRC Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

Wednesday, January 15

- Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 16

- UWF Bible Study (Zoom) - 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

- Empty Nesters (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

Sunday, January 19

- Sunday Worship with The Response; Child Baptism Celebration (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Faith and Fellowship "Potluck!" Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres! Try others' best offerings! (still no stove... but we can warm in the microwave, if necessary!) (Fellowship Hall) - 11:15 am

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