



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

January 19, 2025 10 am

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany; Family Sunday with The Response;
Child Baptism Celebration Sunday**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Be Thou My Vision" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CHORAL INTROIT:** "Arise, Shine, For Your Light Has Come" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 36, 1 Corinthians 12) / Led by Lynn Wright, Liturgist
(Liturgist) God's faithful love welcomes us here.

(Congregation) Thank God for this glorious gift!

(L) God's faithful love redeems our lives.

(C) Thank God for our many blessings!

(L) God's faithful love is ours to share.

(All) We will offer this gift to God's world. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" by Rick Doyle Founds / **All** (Led by The Response) Sing 4 times

**Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life.
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay,
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky,
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

**Ending: Lord, I lift your name on high.
Lord, I lift your name on high.**

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Ps 36, 1 Cor 12)

(Pastor) Let us pass the peace of Christ to all who have entered this house of love! Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Isaiah 62, Psalm 36, 1 Corinthians 12) / **All** (Led by Pastor Kim)

Faithful God, we come to you from many walks of life. Some of us come after wandering off. Others come sensing that you are as close as their very breath. From our many journeys, welcome us with your love. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, that we might sense your presence in our lives. In joyous gratitude, we pray. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

CHILD BAPTISM CELEBRATION / Pastor J. T. Kim and Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

CHILD BAPTISM: Noemi Jo Compton

(Parents: Melanie Rose Compton & Robert Chase Compton)

INTRODUCTION TO HOLY BAPTISM

(Pastor) Dearly beloved, baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which grace we become partakers of his righteousness and heirs of life eternal.

Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how he said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

(Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader) I present **Noemi Jo Compton** for Child Baptism. Her parents are **Melanie Rose Compton** and **Robert Chase Compton**. Her Godparents are **Andres Cortes** and **Lane Berchtold**. Please come forward.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Pastor addresses Parents) Beloved, do you in presenting this child **Noemi** for Holy Baptism confess your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

(Parents) I do.

(Lay Leader addresses Parents) Do you therefore accept as your bounden duty and privilege to live before this child, **Noemi**, a life that becomes the Gospel; to exercise all godly care that she be brought up in the Christian faith, that she be taught the Holy Scriptures, and that she learns to give reverent attendance upon the private and public worship of God?

(Parents) I do.

(Pastor addresses Parents) Will you endeavor to keep this child, **Noemi**, under the ministry and guidance of the Church until she, by the power of God, shall accept for herself the gift of salvation, and be confirmed as a full and responsible member of Christ's holy Church?

(Parents) I will.

(Pastor addresses Parents & Godparents) Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life, include this child, **Noemi Jo Compton**, now before you in your care, and surround her with a community of love and forgiveness?

(All) We will.

BAPTISM

(Pastor baptizes, saying) **Noemi**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **(All) Amen.**

(With Parents and Lay Leader Laying Hands on the Baptism Candidate)

(Pastor) **Noemi**, the Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **(All) Amen.**

BLESSING

(Pastor) The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

(All) Amen!

WELCOME

(Pastor) Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister **Noemi Jo Compton** in Christ!

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF BAPTISM

INTERLUDE: "River of Life" by Mac Powell, Ethan Hulse, and Jonathan Smith / The Response

***GOSPEL READING: John 2:1-11** (NRSVue)

The Wedding at Cana

¹ On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to me and to you? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the person in charge of the banquet." So they took it. ⁹ When the person in charge tasted the water that had become wine and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), that person called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk.

But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "Be Thou Exalted" by John Goss / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

SERMON: "GOD'S JOYOUS KINGDOM" by The Reverend J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "He Reigns" by Peter Furler and Steve Taylor / **All**

Verse 1

It's the song of the redeemed, rising from the African plain.

It's the song of the forgiven, drowning out the Amazon rain.

The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire.

It's every tribe, every tongue, every nation, a love song born of a grateful choir.

Refrain:

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns, he reigns!"

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Verse 2

Let it rise above the four winds, caught up in the heavenly sound.

Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground.

Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation, some were meant to persist.

Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples, none rings truer than this.

Refrain:

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns, he reigns!"

It's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns, he reigns!"

Verse 3

And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard,

'cause all their powers of darkness can't drown out a single word.

Refrain:

When it's all God's children singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah! He reigns, he reigns!"

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INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 62) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) This is our time of offering, where we respond with gratitude to all that God has given us. Now, we take a moment to consider what gifts we will bring and what commitments to action we will make this week.

All: Amen

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

OFFERTORY: "Baptized in Water" by Richard Proulx

***OFFERING SONG:** "As We Seek Your Face" / "Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / **All** (Led by Rev. Bev Devine)

As we seek your face, may we know your heart;

feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. For I desire to worship and obey.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Psalm 36, 1 Corinthians 12) **All** / (Led by Liturgist)
God of steadfast love and faithfulness, thank you for the gift of your love and the gifts of your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the gifts we return to you, this day and every day. Help us share as generously with others as you have shared with us, that your love might be known throughout all the world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #2173** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Graham Kendrick / **All**
Verse 1

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me.**

Refrain

**Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Verse 2

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness;
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Isaiah 62, 1 Corinthians 12, John 2)
(Pastor) As miracles of God, go to be God's miracle for the world!
(Congregation) We are blessed with God's gifts.
(Pastor) Let's share those gifts with the world!
(All) Amen and amen!

POSTLUDE: "Pisgah" by Dale Wood

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Bill Woodard, Ed Lamers, Melissa Williams, Robin Renteria, Desmond Renteria, 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, the family of William Waite, the family of Pat Williams

This Week

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 "Hors d'oeuvres Potluck!" Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres! (still no stove... but we can warm in the microwave, if necessary!) (Fellowship Hall) - 11:15 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm

Monday, January 20

- Preschool closed for Martin Luther King holiday
- Whole church campus closed for Martin Luther King holiday

Tuesday, January 21

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am
- Staff Meeting (Conference Room) - 10 am
- Allegro Ringers Bells rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm
- Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 22

- UWF Pledge and Remembrance Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 10 am
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

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

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

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