



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

February 16, 2025 10 am

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Family Sunday with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Lord, I Don't Feel Noways Tired," African-American spiritual arranged by Adolphus Hailstork / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Jeremiah 17, Psalm 1) / Led by Bev DeFrance, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Happy are those who delight in God's ways,

(Congregation) who set their hearts and minds on the laws of God's love.

(L) In the presence of the Holy, they are like trees planted by the waters of life.

(C) They are fed by enduring streams, with roots that reach into the depths of the soul.

(L) They are nourished in times of drought and bring forth fruit in seasons of famine.

(All) Life shall spring forth as they walk each day in the Way of peace. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "All the People Said Amen" by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak

/ All / Led by The Response

Verse 1

**You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on,
but thank God it's all you need.**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen.**

Verse 2

**If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all.**

Chorus

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)
And all the people said amen.
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said amen.**

Bridge

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.**

Chorus (2x)

Tag: And all the people said amen.

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Luke 6:20-21)

(Pastor) Even in our greatest struggles, Christ says, "Blessed are you, for yours is the kin-dom of God. For all who hunger will be filled. And all who weep will rejoice and laugh." Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Jeremiah 17, Psalm 1)

Holy One, when the road is dusty under our feet and we find ourselves engulfed, you share with us the water of life. You plant our spirits by the streams of your Being. You nourish our bodies and replenish our souls. You challenge our minds and guide our hearts. Lead us, again, O God, into your presence with your prayers. Be with us, as your renewing love overflows from our lives and our souls into the world. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

INTERLUDE: "New Creation" by Mac Powell, Hank Bentley and Jeff Pardo / The Response

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (CEB) / Liturgist

The Resurrection of Christ

¹ Brothers and sisters, I want to call your attention to the good news that I preached to you, which you also received and in which you stand. ² You are being saved through it if you hold on to the message I preached to you, unless somehow you believed it for nothing. ³ I passed on to you as most important what I also received: Christ died for our sins in line with the scriptures, ⁴ he was buried, and he rose on the third day in line with the scriptures. ⁵ He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve, ⁶ and then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at once—most of them are still alive to this day, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me, as if I were born at the wrong time. ⁹ I'm the least important of the apostles. I don't deserve to be called an apostle because I harassed God's church. ¹⁰ I am what I am by God's grace, and God's grace hasn't been for nothing. In fact, I have worked harder than all the others—that is, it wasn't me but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ So then, whether you heard the message from me or them, this is what we preach and this is what you have believed.

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

(All) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "This Little Light of Mine," arranged by Mark Hayes / The Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11** (CEB) / Liturgist

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹ One day Jesus was standing beside Lake Gennesaret when the crowd pressed in around him to hear God's word. ² Jesus saw two boats sitting by the lake. The fishermen had gone ashore and were washing their nets.

³ Jesus boarded one of the boats, the one that belonged to Simon, then asked him to row out a little distance from the shore. Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he finished speaking to the crowds, he said to Simon, "Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon replied, "Master, we've worked hard all night and caught nothing. But because you say so, I'll drop the nets." ⁶ So they dropped the nets and their catch was so huge that their nets were splitting. ⁷ They signaled for their partners in the other boat to come and help them. They filled both boats so full that they were about to sink. ⁸ When Simon Peter saw the catch, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Leave me, Lord, for I'm a sinner!" ⁹ Peter and those with him were overcome with amazement because of the number of fish they caught. ¹⁰ James and John, Zebedee's sons, were Simon's partners and they were amazed too. Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will be fishing for people." ¹¹ As soon as they brought the boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "DO GOOD" (Part 2 of 2): "John Wesley's Three Simple Rules" Sermon Series (#4 of 6) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Fishers of Men"** by Harry D. Clarke / **All** (Led by Pastor Kim with The Response)

I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men;

I will make you fishers of men, if you follow Me.

If you follow me, if you follow Me,

I will make you fishers of men, if you follow Me.

Hear Christ calling, "Come unto Me, come unto Me, come unto Me."

Hear Christ calling, "Come unto Me; I will give you rest.

I will give you rest. I will give you rest."

Hear Christ calling, "Come unto Me; I will give you rest."

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Luke 6) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God has satisfied the hunger of both our bodies and our souls. Let us share our gifts with all God's creation, that weeping may turn to laughter, and struggle may turn to joy.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "My Lord, What a Morning!"—African-American spiritual arranged by Eugene W. Hancock

***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** (Jeremiah 17, Psalm 1, Luke 6) / **All** / (Led by Liturgist)

Merciful God, you bless us beyond measure or belief. May the gifts you have

poured into our lives overflow, spilling over into the world. May these gifts nourish

all who have need. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, and Louie Giglio / **All**

Verse 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.**

**I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.**

Chorus

My chains are gone. I've been set free.

My God, my Savior, has ransomed me.

**And like a flood his mercy rains,
unending love, amazing grace.**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.**

**He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

Chorus

Instrumental

Chorus

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "In Christ There Is No East or West," African-American spiritual arranged by Dale Wood

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Sharon and Jerrilynn Henry, Ryan Dungan, John and Susan Logger, Daryl Salmon, Ed Lamers,
Bill and Helen Nuchols, Melissa Williams, Pat Beals, Norma Nelson, Mary Herrmann,
Michael Thompson, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Mack Davis, Yvonne Peters,
Robert and Benita Roberts, Michelle Arguelles, Marge Wolter, De'Ann McWilliams,
Desmond Renteria, Ruben Renteria, the family of Robin Renteria, the family of Bill Woodard,
the family of Pat Williams, our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

Sunday, February 16

- Camp Wrightwood (Off campus, 2/15-2/17) - 8 am - 5 pm
- Worship - Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany; sermon, "DO GOOD" (part 2 of 2) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am - 11 am
- All-American Potluck / Hotdog BBQ (Fellowship Hall) - 11:00 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm

Monday, February 17

- Preschool closed for Presidents' Day holiday
- Whole church campus closed for Presidents' Day holiday
- Camp Wrightwood (Off campus, 2/15-2/17) - 8 am - 5 pm

Tuesday, February 18

- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am
- Staff Meeting (Conference Room) - 10 am
- Allegro Ringers bell rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

Wednesday, February 19

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

Thursday, February 20

- UWF Lunch and Tour of Kimberly Crest Mansion - 10:30 am at Church Parking Lot
- 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, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

- UWF The Gathering (Chandler Lounge) - 10 am
- Celebration of Life for Robin Renteria (Sanctuary) - 2 pm / Reception following service (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, February 23

- Worship - Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany; Pastor J. T. Kim's Sermon, "STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD" (1 of 2) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Allegro Bells in worship (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (meet in narthex at 10:15) (Youth Room)
- "The Habit" Fundraiser in person w/flyer or phone - 11 am - 9 pm

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