



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

March 16, 2025 10 am

**Second Sunday in Lent;
Family Sunday with The Response**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Variations on an American Hymn Tune," Parts 1-4, by Gordon Young / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***INTROIT:** "Seek the Lord" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 27) / Led by Cindy Qualtieri, Liturgist

(Liturgist) God, our Light and our Salvation, calls us to worship.

(People) We gather in faith, confidence, and praise.

(L) Come; seek the face of God.

(P) God's face shines upon us with grace and love.

(L) Be strong, my friends, for God is here.

(All) Thanks be to God for this wonderful gift. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Thy Word Is a Lamp" by Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith / **All** / Led by The Response

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still you're there right beside me, nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

Instrumental

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, I will love you to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path.**

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Psalm 27, Philippians 3, Philippians 4)

(Pastor) Sisters and brothers, we are light for one another, even as Christ is light for each of us. Let's share signs of Christ's light and love, as we pass the peace 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) (Genesis 15, Psalm 27, Philippians 3, Philippians 4)

Mighty God, we come into your presence from many different places and situations. Light our way in this time of worship. Calm our hearts, focus our thoughts, and strengthen our faith, as we pray and praise this day. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Samuel 11:2-5, 14-15, 26-27 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

David Commits Adultery with Bathsheba

² It happened, late one afternoon when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³ David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." ⁴ So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵ The woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant..."

David Has Uriah Killed

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵ In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die..."

²⁶ When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷ When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son.

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

(All) Thanks be to God!

INTERLUDE: "Washed Over Me" by Jonathon Lindley Smith, Casey Brown, Garrett Hornbuckle, Joshua Schou, Jeff Stein and Luke Wycuff / The Response

PSALM READING: Psalm 51:1-12 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

David's Prayer for Cleansing and Pardon

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,

 according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy,
 blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 and cleanse me from my sin.

³ For I know my transgressions,
 and my sin is ever before me.

⁴ Against you, you alone, have I sinned
 and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
 and blameless when you pass judgment.

⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty,
 a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶ You desire truth in the inward being;
 therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

**⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

**⁹ Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.**

**¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

**¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

**¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" by Timothy Shaw / The Aldersgate Chorale,
directed by Yvonne Flagg

**SERMON: "DAVID: FROM ADULTERER/MURDERER TO A GREAT KING/MAN AFTER
GOD'S OWN HEART - AGAIN"** (Lenten Sermon Series, "**Rise Again!**": #3 of 7) /
The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "Come, Thou Fount; Come, Thou King" by John Wyeth,
Robert Robinson, Thomas Miller / **All**

Verse 1

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

Verse 2

**I was lost in utter darkness
'til you came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when
your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song.
Now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me,
and I'll never be alone.**

Instrumental

Verse 3

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord; take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

**Here's my heart, Lord; take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Genesis 15)

(Liturgist) As the ancients brought goats and doves to honor and bless God, we are invited to bring our gifts of earthly treasure to honor and bless God. Whether we offer coins or dollars, checks or electronic donations, all gifts honor and bless God. Knowing this, may we share our treasure as generously with God as God has shared earthly treasure with us.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Variations on an American Hymn Tune," Parts 5-6, by Gordon Young

***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** (Genesis 15, Philippians 4) / **All** / Led by Liturgist
Mighty God, bless these gifts, that they might bring strength to our faith, love to your world, and comfort to the forsaken. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** "Bread of Life" by John Watilo and Ron Wallace / **All** / Led by The Response

Chorus

**I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life,
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.
I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life,
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.**

Verse 1

**Lift your eyes to me and do not be afraid.
If you'll come to me, I will not turn you away.
Put your trust in me, and you won't be ashamed,
for I've called you to bring glory to my name. (Chorus)**

Verse 2

**I have known you since before the earth was formed.
I have called you since the day that you were born.
I have destined you to be counted as my own
and inherit all the riches of my throne. (Chorus)**

Instrumental

Bridge:

**Trust in me, and you won't be ashamed,
for I've called you to bring glory to my name. (Chorus)**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Variations on an American Hymn Tune," Part 7, by Gordon Young

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Sharon and Jerrilynn Henry, John and Susan Logger, Ed Lamers, Michael Thompson,
Bill and Helen Nuchols, Melissa Williams, Pat Beals, Norma Nelson, Mary Herrmann,
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 Bill Woodard, Christina Graves and her family,
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

Sunday, March 16

- Worship - Second Sunday of Lent, Pastor Kim's new Lenten sermon series "Rise Again!"—#3 of 7 (DAVID) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Faith and Fellowship Potato Bar (Fellowship Hall) - 11:00 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm

Monday, March 17

- Finance Committee (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 18

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

Wednesday, March 19

- Lenten Soup Study - Rev. Bev Devine, "Incoming" (Fellowship Hall) - 6 pm

Thursday, March 20

- Preschool Fire Truck visit (parking lot) - 10 am
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, March 21

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

Saturday, March 22

- Boxcars at the Movies (Fellowship Hall) - 10 am

Sunday, March 23

- Worship - Third Sunday of Lent; Pastor J. T. Kim's sermon series "Rise Again!"—#4 of 7 (RAHAB) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (meet in narthex at 10:15) - (Youth Room)
- Hosting "Crop Hunger Walk" (Patio) - (FUMCOR with Trinity) - 1:30 pm

March 24-28 - Preschool Spring Break

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