



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

April 6, 2025 10 am

Fifth Sunday in Lent - Holy Communion Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "When God Restored Our Common Life" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips,
Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #298** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by Isaac Watts
/ Led by Jennifer Walker, Hymn Leader / **All**

Verse 1

**When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.**

Verse 2

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

Verse 3

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

Verse 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 126) / Led by Daryl Salmon, Liturgist

(Liturgist) When we have been hurt and lost,

(Congregation) God brings us laughter and joy.

(L) When our lives reach a dead end,

(C) God opens a way forward.

(L) When the rivers of our lives dry up,

(C) God sends living water to quench our thirst.

(L) God has done great things for us!

(All) Let us rejoice! Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Jeremiah 31, Psalm 51)

(Pastor) With clean hearts and renewed spirits, let us rejoice in the law of love written on our hearts. Let us 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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed (UM Hymn #882) / **All**

(Pastor) Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

(All) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

(Pastor) Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

(All) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

(Pastor) Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

(All) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

*universal

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Danish)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:37-42 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The First Converts

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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

(All) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "Jesus in the Garden" by Helen Jun Marth / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg, with soloists Kris Lovekin and Phil Bremenstuhl

***GOSPEL READINGS:** Matthew 16:18-19; Matthew 26:31-35, 69-75; John 21:15-19 / Liturgist

(Matthew 16:18-19, NRSVue)

Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

(Matthew 26:31-35, NKJV)

Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

³¹ Then Jesus said to them, "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: 'I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' ³² But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee." ³³ Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble." ³⁴ Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." ³⁵ Peter said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" And so said all the disciples.

(Matthew 26:69-75, NIV)

Peter's Denial of Jesus

⁶⁹ Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. "You also were with Jesus of Galilee," she said. ⁷⁰ But he denied it before them all. "I don't know what you're talking about," he said. ⁷¹ Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, "This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth." ⁷² He denied it again, with an oath: "I don't know the man!" ⁷³ After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, "Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away." ⁷⁴ Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know the man!" Immediately a rooster crowed. ⁷⁵ Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: "Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.

(John 21:15-19, NRSVue)

The Risen Christ Jesus and Peter

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "PETER: FROM A BETRAYER OF JESUS TO THE FOUNDER OF THE CHURCH"

(Lenten Sermon Series, **"Rise Again!"** #6 of 7) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #2182 "When God Restored Our Common Life" by Ruth Duck**

Verse 1

**When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,
at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy.
A shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;
the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.**

Verse 2

**We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;
with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.
We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.
The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.**

Verse 3

**Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 126, John 12) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Let us share our gifts from our deep gratitude to Jesus, our savior, who answers our sorrow with joy and our tears with comfort. Let us share our gifts out of thanksgiving to God and out of love for the world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" by David Schelat

***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** (Psalm 126, John 12) / Led by Liturgist

Dearest Friend, Jesus, you chose a path of suffering to reach out to us in our suffering. Use us and our gifts to extend your love and comfort to reach people in places of loss and grief. Use us and our gifts this day to bring hope and compassion to those who weep, that they may know your miraculous power and your fullness of life. Use us and our gifts to bring shouts of joy to those who weep with bitter tears. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

(Congregation) And also with you.

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

(C) We lift them up to God.

(Pastor) Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

(All) It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. In love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, your love remained steadfast.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy, we may come to the fullness of grace that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(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) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself, a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

(All singing)

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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: "Variations on a Hymn for Lent" by Dale Wood

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: #453** "More Love to Thee, O Christ" by Elizabeth P. Prentiss

Verse 1

**More love to thee, O Christ,
more love to thee!**

**Hear thou the prayer I make
on bended knee.**

This is my earnest plea:

**More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!**

Verse 2

**Once earthly joy I craved,
sought peace and rest;
now thee alone I seek,
give what is best.**

This all my prayer shall be:

**More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!**

Verse 3

**Let sorrow do its work,
come grief and pain;
sweet are thy messengers,
sweet their refrain,
when they can sing with me:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!**

Verse 4

**Then shall my latest breath
whisper thy praise;
this be the parting cry
my heart shall raise;
this still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to thee;
more love to thee,
more love to thee!**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in G Minor" by Johann Ludwig Krebs

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Chandra and Jaswant Roberts, Norma Nelson, Elizabeth Wood-Baisie, Sharon and Jerrilynn Henry, John and Susan Logger, Ed Lamers, Michael Thompson, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Melissa Williams, Pat Beals, Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Mack Davis, Yvonne Peters, Robert and Benita Roberts, Michelle Arguelles, Marge Wolter, De'Ann McWilliams, the family of Ruben Renteria, the family of Bill Woodard, Christina Graves' family, our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

New Members Welcoming Sunday

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

If you would like to join First UMC of Riverside as your "Home Church," or have questions about the process, please contact Pastor Kim (pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org) or Church Office (951-683-7831)

We'd love to welcome you joyfully on this coming Easter Sunday!

Donna Woodard invites you to a Celebration of Life for her husband, Bill Woodard

This will be in a casual and small-scale setting at her home's Club House.
9391 California Ave. (Mobile Home Park), Riverside, CA 92503

Saturday, April 12, 2025, 2 p.m. (A light reception will follow)

In addition to her family, friends, and neighbors, Donna invites our First UMC Family.

Please RSVP so that family can prepare. **RSVP** is requested by Thursday, April 10th
TEXT: Cell 951-941-0261 Email: sunshinedonna078@gmail.com

This Week

Sunday, April 6

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Worship - Fifth Sunday of Lent, Communion, Pastor Kim's sermon series "Rise Again!" (PETER) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Baby Shower for Kennedi Jayce Ann Williams, daughter of Jonathon and Melissa Williams (Fellowship Hall) - 11:15 am
- Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:45 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner+ (Youth Room) - 5 pm
- Young(ish) Adult Group @ Sophie's (5626 Osburn Pl., Riverside, CA 92506-2171) - 6 pm

Monday, April 7

- Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom) – 6 pm
- Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom) – 7 pm
- Trustees Meeting – (Zoom) – 7 pm

Tuesday, April 8

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

Wednesday, April 9

- UWF "Walk About" (Ryan Bonaminio Park) – 8:30 am
- Lenten Soup Supper Speaker: Steve Kerrick, "Second Chance" (Fellowship Hall) – 6 pm
- Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 10

- UWF Lunch Bunch (Lazy Dog) – 11 am
- Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) – 7 pm

Friday, April 11

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

Saturday, April 12

- Celebrating Bill Woodard – 2 pm

Sunday, April 13

- Worship – Palm/Passion Sunday with Palm Procession; sermon: Paul – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) – 10:15 am
- UMM Luncheon / Guest speaker: Kristin Stolte – 11:15 am

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