



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

June 22, 2025 10 am

Second Sunday After Pentecost; V.B.S. Celebration Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Variations on 'Showalter'" by Jon Spong / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #133** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" by Elisha A. Hoffman /
All / Led by 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** (Psalm 42, Luke 8) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Come into the light of God's love.

(People) Fear cannot separate us from its blessing.

(L) Come to the house of healing and hope.

(All) God's love makes us whole. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (1 Kings 8)

(Pastor) The dwelling place of God is a place for everyone. In the name of Christ, you are welcome here. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION / Christina Graves, Director of Children and Youth Ministries

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (1 Kings 19, Luke 8)

Loving God, we yearn to be close to you and to dwell in your ever-present love. Be with us when our yearning seems unsatisfied. Great Healer, bring us the help we most need. Wipe away our fears. Comfort us in our regrets. Forgive our mistakes. Strengthen us with healing and hope. Draw us so close to you that we may never question your presence or have reason to be afraid. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 1:1-9 (NRSVue)

God's Commission to Joshua

¹After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, ²"My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. ⁵No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go.

⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "You Are the Song" by Joseph M. Martin / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

SERMON: "YOUR ROAD TRIP WITH GOD" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #130 "God Will Take Care of You" by Civilla D. Martin / All**

Verse 1

**Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.**

Refrain:

**God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.**

Verse 2

**Through days of toil when heart doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you. (Refrain)**

Verse 4

**No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you. (Refrain)**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Luke 8)

(Liturgist) As we have been healed and strengthened by Christ, so now Christ invites us to offer healing and strength to the world through our gifts and our lives.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" by Austin C. Lovelace

***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 42, Luke 8) / **All** / Led by Liturgist

Healer of life's ills, bring healing and strength through the gifts we bring before you now. Bring hope, faith, and love, that our church may be an instrument of healing and a vessel of hope for a hurting world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #127** "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" by William Williams

Verse 1

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more; (want no more)
feed me till I want no more.**

Verse 2

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield; (strength and shield)
be thou still my strength and shield.**

Verse 3

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee; (give to thee)
I will ever give to thee.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata Eroica" by Edward Broughton

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Kalvin and Shail Narayan, Emilie Gorham, Carol Falletta, Norma Nelson, Ed Lamers, John and Susan Logger, Michael Thompson, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Pat Beals, Mack Davis, Melissa Williams, Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Marge Wolter, Robert and Benita Roberts, Michelle Arguelles, De'Ann McWilliams, the family of Kenneth Geiger, the family of Chandra Roberts, our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

Sunday, June 22

- Worship – Second Sunday After Pentecost; VBS Celebration. Pastor Kim's sermon: **"YOUR ROAD TRIP WITH GOD"** (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship continues through summer (meet in narthex), 2nd and 4th Sundays (Youth Room) – 10:15 am
- Outreach Committee Meeting (Chandler Lounge) – 11 am
- "The Habit" Fundraiser, 3555 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite S-100. Must show printed flyer or show flyer on cell phone. Flyers in the Narthex. Church will earn 20% of sales. 11 am – 9 pm

Monday, June 23

- Church Council Meeting (Zoom) – 7 pm

Tuesday, June 24

- Summer "Parents Morning Out" May 20 to August 1, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations encouraged: Christina Graves, (951) 212-5725, childrensdirector@firstchurchriverside.org – (Nursery) – 9 am – 12 pm
- Staff Meeting (Conference Room) – 10 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 7 pm

Wednesday, June 25

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) – 8 am
- Summer "Parents Morning Out" (see Tues. info) – (Nursery) – 9 am – 12 pm
- UWF Hart Flower Farm – meet in church parking lot at 4:15 pm – (Off Campus) – 5 pm
- The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 26

- Summer "Parents Morning Out" (see Tues. info) – (Nursery) – 9 am – 12 pm

Friday, June 27

- Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 am (will not meet on Friday, July 4)

Sunday, June 29

- Worship – Third Sunday After Pentecost; Music Appreciation Sunday; Commissioning Allison George's Mission Trip to Ecuador. Pastor Kim's sermon: **"MONSTERS, MIRACLES, AND MUSICIANS"** (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am

Next Friday, July 4 for fireworks (parking lot) – Gates open at 6 pm / donation \$5 per car

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