



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

June 8, 2025 10 am

Pentecost Sunday: Graduation/Promotion Sunday

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE: "O Spirit of the Living God" by Richard I. Purvis / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #539** "O Spirit of the Living God" by Henry Tweedy / Led by Phil Bremenstuhl, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.**

Verse 2

**Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.**

Verse 3

Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.

Verse 4

So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Acts 2, John 14) / Led by Greg Laird, Liturgist

(Liturgist) In rushing wind and cleansing fire

(Congregation) God's Spirit leads us here.

(L) In courage found and faith renewed

(C) God's Spirit fills our hearts with longing.

(L) In visions seen and dreams made real

(C) God's Spirit takes away our fear.

(L) In rushing wind and cleansing fire

(All) God's Spirit sends us to share Christ's love. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (John 14)

(Pastor) God sent the Companion – the Holy Spirit – to heal our divisions and to show us the Way. Let us claim these blessings by sharing signs of Christ's peace with one another.

Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

INTERLUDE: "Spirit Song" by John Wimber, arranged by Douglas E. Wagner / The Allegro Ringers, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

HONORING OUR CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES

Christina Graves, Director of Children & Youth Ministries

KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION

-Corinne Graves: Pachappa Elementary School
(Parent: Christina Graves)

COLLEGE

-James Fregeau: Bachelor's degree from California State University, San Bernardino (Parents: John Fregeau and Lynn Wright)

-Billy Gwira: Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology from California Baptist University (Parents: Gaddiel Gwira and Josephine Essien)

-Nana Gwira: Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from University of California, Los Angeles (Parents: Gaddiel Gwira and Josephine Essien)

-Abigail Jessica Ruiz: Associate of Arts degree in Kinesiology, Health and Wellness from Riverside City College (Parents: Jesse and Becky Ruiz)

-Isaac David Ruiz: Associate of Arts degree in Business Administration from San Bernardino Valley College (Parents: Jesse and Becky Ruiz)

-Emma Speir Tomkins: Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from University of Arkansas (Parents: Wayne Speir and Becky Konegen)

-Margaret Speir: Bachelor's degree in East Asian Languages and Cultures from Indiana University (Parents: Wayne Speir and Becky Konegen)

BLESSINGS FOR GRADUATES / Pastor Kim

"GO WITH GOD: A PRAYER FOR GRADUATES" (VIDEO)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Spiritual Gifts

^{3b} **No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of**

tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

(All) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "Anthem for Pentecost" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Kris Lovekin

***GOSPEL READING: John 7:37-39** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Rivers of Living Water

³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive, for as yet there was no Spirit because Jesus was not yet glorified.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "RIVERS OF LIVING WATER" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #393** "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson / **All**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 104) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) When the Spirit breathes upon us, we are filled with good things. When this breath is taken away, we return to the dust of the earth. In the time we have, let us give thanks and share our blessing with the world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" by Gilbert M. Martin

***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** (Acts 2, Romans 8) / Liturgist

God of wind and flame, your Pentecost fire continues to touch us and bless our world today. May our offering bring the warmth of your love, and the glory of your holy flame, to those who are shaken by the buffeting winds all around us. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #2241** "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" by Delores Dufner

Verse 1

**The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

Verse 2

**We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**

Verse 3

**We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**

Verse 4

**Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Fantasia in G (Abridged)" by Johann Sebastian Bach

In Our Prayers

Kalvin and Shail Narayan, Dana and Piper Qualtieri, Reuben Muñoz,
Emilie Gorham, Carol Falletta, Terry Connolly, Norma Nelson, John and Susan Logger,
Ed Lamers, Michael Thompson, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Pat Beals, Mack Davis,
Melissa Williams, Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Yvonne Peters,
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

"Anthem for Pentecost"

Hal. H. Hopson

With a mighty wind and tongues of fire,
He called His Church into being—
The household of the living God;

With a mighty wind and tongues of fire,
He called His Church into being—
An instrument of His holy will.

The foundation is that of the apostles and the prophets.
The chief Cornerstone is Jesus Christ, the Lord.
There is One Lord, There is One faith,
One Lord, One faith, One Father of us all.

There is neither Jew nor Greek;
There is neither bond nor free.
One Lord, One faith, One Father of us all.

The foundation is that of the apostles and the prophets.
The chief Cornerstone is Jesus Christ, the Lord.
From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same,
His Name shall be praised.

Blessing and honor and glory,
Blessing and glory and power,
be to Him forever and ever.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

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This Week

Sunday, June 8

- Worship – Pentecost/Graduation/Bells; Pastor J. T. Kim’s sermon, **“RIVERS OF LIVING WATER”** (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- VBS Snack donations due! (Narthex) 10 am
- Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) – 10:15 am (meet in Narthex)
- UMM Lunch with Program – 11:15 am
- Bell Concert (Sanctuary) – 5 pm

Tuesday, June 10

- Summer “Parents Morning Out” May 20 to August 1, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations encouraged: Christina Graves, (951) 212-5725, childrensdirectore@firstchurchriverside.org – (Nursery) – 9 am – 12 pm
- SPRC (Zoom) – 7 pm

Wednesday, June 11

- Cal-Pac Annual Conference (Indian Wells) – 6/11 – 6/14
- UWF “Walk About” – 8:30 am
- Summer “Parents Morning Out” May 20 to August 1, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations encouraged: Christina Graves, (951) 212-5725, childrensdirectore@firstchurchriverside.org – (Nursery) – 9 am – 12 pm
- The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 12

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- UWF Lunch Bunch – 11 am

Friday, June 13

- VBS Snack donations due! (Office 10 am – 2 pm)
- Cal-Pac Annual Conference (Indian Wells) – 6/11 – 6/14
- Friday Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Mary’s Kitchen) – 7 am

Saturday, June 14

- Cal-Pac Annual Conference (Indian Wells) – 6/11 – 6/14
- VBS Set-Up (Fellowship Hall) – 9 am – 12 pm

Sunday, June 15

- Worship – Father’s Day/Family Sunday/The Response; Pastor J. T. Kim’s sermon, **“CHERISH”** (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- VBS Snack donations due! (Narthex) 10 am
- Sunday School – (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- UWF Hart Flower Farm sign-ups/RSVP (Patio) – 11:00 am
- UMM Father’s Day Cake Walk / “Boxers in the Basket” (Patio and Front Lawn) – 11:15 am

Monday, June 16

- VBS begins! (Fellowship Hall) 9 am – 12 pm

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