



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

**August 3, 2025 10 am**

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Grave and Adagio from Sonata No. 2" by Felix Mendelssohn / Robert Phillips,  
Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 107) / Led by Greg Laird, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Give thanks to God,

**(Congregation) for God's steadfast love lasts forever.**

(L) God accompanies us in our distress,

**(C) as we cross the threshold to worship's blessings.**

(L) Give thanks to our God,

**(C) for God's steadfast love abides with us.**

(L) Let us enter this space for worship,

**(All) celebrating God's works for humankind. Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #158** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Christian Henry Bateman /  
Led by Phil Bremenstuhl / **All**

### **Verse 1**

**Come, Christians, join to sing:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**loud praise to Christ our King:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let all, with heart and voice,**

**before his throne rejoice;**

**praise is his gracious choice.**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## **Verse 2**

**Come, lift your hearts on high:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Let praises fill the sky:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**He is our guide and friend;**

**to us he'll condescend;**

**his love shall never end:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

## **Verse 3**

**Praise yet the Lord again:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**Life shall not end the strain:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

**On heaven's blissful shore**

**his goodness we'll adore,**

**singing forevermore:**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

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

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Hosea 11)

(Pastor) Through bands of love, we are forever connected. May we share the peace of Christ, the love of God, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, knowing that the cords of human kindness bind us together throughout eternity. 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 #881) / **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!**  
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**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Lucinda Edmunds

**INTERLUDE:** "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes unto the Hills" by James G. MacDermid / Phil Bremenstuhl, soloist

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16-20** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*The Commissioning of the Disciples*

**<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: "AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR NEW VISION"** (New sermon series, **"Our New Vision,"** #1 of 5) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "Jesus Saves" by Patricia J. Owens

# Jesus Saves

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WILLIAM J. KIRKPATRICK



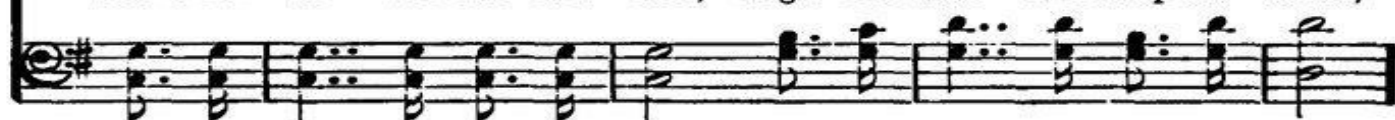
1. We have heard the joy - ful sound: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
2. Waft it on the roll - ing tide; Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
3. Sing a - bove the bat - tle strife, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
4. Give the winds a might - y voice, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



Spread the ti - dings all a - round: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Tell to sin - ners far and wide: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 By His death and end - less life, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Let the na - tions now re - joice, — Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



Bear the news to ev - 'ry land, Climb the steep and cross the waves;  
 Sing, ye is - lands of the sea; Ech - o back, ye o - cean caves;  
 Sing it soft - ly thro' the gloom, When the heart for mer - cy craves;  
 Shout sal - va - tion full and free; High - est hills and deep - est caves;



On - ward! — 'tis our Lord's com - mand; Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Earth shall keep her ju - bi - lee: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 Sing in tri - umph o'er the tomb, — Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!  
 This our song of vic - to - ry, — Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Luke 12) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) The many gifts that we hold in our hands and souls have the power and potential to strengthen the lives of God's children everywhere. As we seek ways to celebrate our gifts, let us utilize our gifts, not only for ourselves, but to build the fullness of God's realm here on earth.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Shalom to You" by Emma Lou Diemer

**\*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** (Colossians 3, Luke 12) / Led by Liturgist  
**God of Goodness, thank you for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Today we stand in front of you with our riches in hand: our treasures, time, and talents. May our giving reflect the faithfulness of our spirits. And may our offering be clothed with your visions and dreams. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

**(Congregation) And also with you.**

(P) Lift up your hearts.

**(C) We lift them up to God.**

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

**(C) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(P) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word.

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) 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.**

(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 and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, showing forth the fruit of the Spirit 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 Father, now and for ever.

**(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 small bowl. For those who are at home, via online or telephone, please take your own Bread and Cup now.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:** "Communion" by Louis Vierne

**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** / Greg Laird

**\*SENDING HYMN: #666** "Shalom to You" by Elise S. Eslinger (2 times)

**Shalom to you now,**

**shalom, my friends.**

**May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.**

**In all your living and through your loving,**

**Christ be your shalom,**

**Christ be your shalom.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Carolyn Hamlin

*In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

Emilie Gorham, George Callow, Bill Ashworth, Ruth Lipps, Calvin Narayan and Shail Singh,  
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, Michelle Arguelles,  
Robert and Benita Roberts, De'Ann McWilliams,  
Jazz Roberts' family, the Kay Mowry family,  
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

You are invited to attend the  
Memorial Service for  
Kay Mowry  
Saturday, August 16, 2025  
10:30 am  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
3525 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside, CA

## *This Week*

### **Sunday, August 3**

- Chapel Prayer - 9:15 am
- Worship: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost with Holy Communion. Pastor Kim's sermon, **"AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR NEW VISION"** (New sermon series, **"Our New Vision,"** #1 of 5) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- The Aldersgate Chorale summer break (August)

### **Wednesday, August 6**

- UWF "Walk About" (Ryan Bonaminio Park) - 7:30 am
- Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

### **Sunday, August 10**

- Worship: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: **"LOVE BOLDLY"** (Sermon Series, **"Our New Vision,"** #2 of 5) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) - 10:15 am
- The Aldersgate Chorale summer break (August)

### **Monday, August 11**

- First day of Preschool

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