



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

July 13, 2025 10 am

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE: "Abide with Me" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Colossians 1, Luke 10) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Beloved people of God, welcome to worship.

(People) We come to worship and to praise.

(L) With love for one another, we gather as neighbors.

(All) With love for God, we gather as God's community of love. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #2273** "Jesus, We Are Here" by Patrick Matsikenyiri / **All** / Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

**Jesus, we are here; Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here; we are here for you.**

**Savior, we are here; Savior, we are here;
Savior, we are here; we are here for you.**

**Master, we are here; Master, we are here;
Master, we are here; we are here for you.**

**Spirit, we are here; Spirit, we are here;
Spirit, we are here; we are here for you.**

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Colossians 1, Luke 10)

(Pastor) As neighbors and friends, let's share our love in the Spirit with signs of peace. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of joys and concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Colossians 1, Luke 10) / **All** / Led by Pastor
Loving God, thank you for being present in our lives and in this time of worship. Speak love to our hearts and wisdom to our minds, that we might grow in your knowledge of love and that our lives might bear the fruit of your knowledge and grace. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 1:1-14 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

We Have Not Ceased Praying for You

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen

INTERLUDE: "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them" from "Messiah" by G. F. Handel /
Yvonne Flagg, soloist

***GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-11** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Abide in Christ

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "PRAYING CONSTANTLY: #4, A METHODIST PRAYS CONSTANTLY"

(Sermon Series, *Five Marks of a Methodist*, #5 of 7) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #430** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" by Washington
Gladden / All

Verse 1

**O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

Verse 2

**Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

Verse 3

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong;**

Verse 4

**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Colossians 1, Luke 10) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) May the gifts we bring bear the fruit of God's love to our neighbors around the world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Prelude on 'Maryton'" by Gordon Young

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** (Amos 7, Psalm 82, Luke 10) / Liturgist

**Gracious God, bless these gifts. May they bring your love, justice, and compassion
to where they are most needed in our world. Help us be good neighbors to
everyone we meet. With gratitude and love, we pray. Amen.**

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #700** "Abide with Me" by Henry F. Lyte (Verses 1, 3, & 4) / **All**

Verse 1

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

Verse 3

**I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me**

Verse 4

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata (Psalm 150:4)" by Douglas E. Wagner

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Bill Ashworth, Ruth Lipps, Joe Doerr, Calvin and Shail Narayan, 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, the family of Kenneth Geiger, Jazz Roberts' family, our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

Sunday, July 13

- Worship: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost. Sermon series, **"PRAYING CONSTANTLY: #4, A METHODIST PRAYS CONSTANTLY"** (Sermon Series, **Five Marks of a Methodist**, #5 of 7) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- NO YOUTH WORSHIP THIS WEEK
- Music Committee (Mary's Kitchen) - 11:15 am
- The Aldersgate Chorale summer break (July and August)

Tuesday, July 15

- Summer Parents' Morning Out (Reservations encouraged) (Tues, Wed, Thurs) (Nursery) - 9 am - noon

Wednesday, July 16

- UWF "Walk About" (Ryan Bonaminio Park) - 8:00 am
- Summer Parents' Morning Out (Reservations encouraged) (Tues, Wed, Thurs) (Nursery) - 9 am - noon
- Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 17

- Summer Parents' Morning Out (Tues, Wed, Thurs) (Nursery) - 9 am - noon

Friday, July 18

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

Sunday, July 20

- Worship: **"LOVING OTHERS: #5, A METHODIST LOVES OTHERS"** (Sermon Series, **Five Marks of a Methodist**, #6 of 7) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

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