



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

July 20, 2025 10 am

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost; Family Sunday with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "The Gift of Love" by Emma Lou Diemer / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 52) / Led by Bev DeFrance, Liturgist

(Liturgist) We come into God's presence,

(Congregation) like green olive trees in the house of God.

(L) We drink deep from the waters of life,

(C) like young saplings in the courtyard of the Lord.

(L) We ripen in the light of God,

(C) like the fruit of God's vineyard.

(L) Come! Let us worship.

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" by Rick Doyle Founds / **All** / Led by
The Response / Sing 4 times

Lord, I lift your name on high.

Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life.

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth

to show the way,

from the earth to the cross

my debt to pay,

from the cross to the grave,

from the grave to the sky,

Lord, I lift your name on high. Lord, I lift your name on high.

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Colossians 1)

(Pastor) In Christ, we find peace, a gift beyond price, as we are reconciled to God. Let us share this precious gift with one another in joy and thanksgiving, as we pass the peace of Christ with one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Prayer for "Bye Bye Summer Bash"

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Amos 8, Psalm 52, Luke 10) / Led by Pastor Kim

Loving God, your presence in our lives is like a green olive tree—a joy to the heart and a blessing to the spirit. Your movement in our midst is like a basket of summer fruit—a delight to the eye and a pleasure to the tongue. Speak to us your words of life, that we may sit at your feet and know that we are yours. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:19-21 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Love Your Brothers and Sisters

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "The Commission" by David Blake Neesmith, Carter Jon Frodge, Madison Cain, Taylor Cain, Logan Cain / The Response

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:35-40** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Greatest Commandment

³⁵And one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "LOVING OTHERS: #5, A METHODIST LOVES OTHERS" (Sermon Series, *Five Marks of a Methodist*, #6 of 7)" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "Lead On, Good Shepherd" by Frankie Orella, Patrick Mayberry, and Paul Duncan / The Response

Verse 1

**Well, I've been turned 'round,
but I've never been lost.
Seen the water get troubled,
but we walked across.
When my knees were shaking,
you held my hand.
Turning my problems
to a promised land.**

Chorus

**Lead on, Good Shepherd.
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter
than to watch you make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
but you never steered me wrong.
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.**

Verse 2

**Seen some mighty deep canyons
that you brought me through.
Seen some mighty big mountains
that just up and moved.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Yeah, that's my song!
Walking with my father
into the great unknown.**

Chorus

**Lead on, Good Shepherd.
I'll follow all my days.
There ain't nothing sweeter
than to watch you make a way.
You've walked me through the valley,
but you never steered me wrong.
So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.**

Bridge

**Step by step, day by day, lead me on, Lord, I pray.
Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, Good Shepherd. (repeat)**

Chorus

Lead on, Good Shepherd.

I'll follow all my days.

**There ain't nothing sweeter
than to watch you make a way.**

**You've walked me through the valley
but you never steered me wrong.**

So lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.

Bridge

Step by step, day by day, lead me on, Lord, I pray.

Road gets dark, walk by faith, lead on, Good Shepherd. (repeat)

Ending

**Lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good Shepherd,
lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on, Good Shepherd,
lead on, Good Shepherd, lead on.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Amos 8, Psalm 52, Luke 10) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) May we offer God now our very selves: our energy, our resources, and our time. Help us reach the vulnerable; and enable this church to be a place of help, justice, love, care, and hospitality.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" by Ronald A. Nelson

***OFFERING SONG:** "As We Seek Your Face"/"Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / **All** / Led by Rev. Bev Devine

As we seek your face, may we know your heart;

feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you. For I desire to worship and obey.

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (Amos 8, Psalm 52, Luke 10) / Led by Liturgist

Most loving God, most welcoming God, we bring these gifts to you, knowing that you will use them according to your purposes. We dedicate ourselves to your way, to challenge the worldly values that are so prevalent in your world today. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS

***SENDING HYMN: #2173** "Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Graham Kendrick / **All** / Led by The Response

Verse 1

**Lord, the light of your love is shining
in the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)**

Verse 2

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. (Refrain)**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (Psalm 52)**

(Pastor) Though we may leave God's house,
(Congregation) we do not leave God's presence.
(P) Like green olive trees in the house of God,
(C) we will plant our roots in the soil of holy love.
(P) Heeding the joy of God's call in our lives,
(All) we go to share God's love for all. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Christopher Tambling

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Gary Parker, Bill Ashworth, 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 family of Kenneth Geiger,
The family of Joe Doerr, our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

Sunday, July 20

-Worship - Sixth Sunday After Pentecost. Sermon series, **#5, A METHODIST LOVES OTHERS**" (Sermon Series, **Five Marks of a Methodist**, #6 of 7)." Hymns led by The Response band (Sanctuary) - 10 am
-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

-The Aldersgate Chorale summer break (July and August)

Tuesday, July 22

-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

Wednesday, July 23

-UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 8 am

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-The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, July 24

-Summer "Parents' Morning Out," May 20 to August 1, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

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Friday, July 25

-Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 am (They resume on Sept. 5)

- "Bye Bye Summer Bash" (Fellowship Hall and Education Building) - set-up 8 am - 4 pm

Saturday, July 26

- "Bye Bye Summer Bash" Free School Supplies! - (Fellowship Hall) - 9 am - 12 pm
(take-down team follows)

Sunday, July 27

-Worship - Pastor Kim's sermon: **"ON YOUR MARKS: A CONCLUSION AND A NEW BEGINNING"**

(Sermon Series, **Five Marks of a Methodist**, #7 of 7) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am

-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

-Youth Worship / Second and Fourth Sundays - all summer - 10:15 am, meet in Narthex

- "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

-Shepherds Field GiftShop / Missions Committee (Patio) - 11:00 am

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