



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

**July 27, 2025 10 am**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**PRELUDE:** "Air and Gavotte in F Major" by Samuel Wesley / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Luke 11) / Led by Jennifer Mahl, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Before we even knock,

**(People) Christ opens the doors and invites us in.**

(L) Before we even ask,

**(P) God knows our every need.**

(L) Come to seek; come to pray; come to worship,

**(All) for the Spirit has called us here. Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #2271** "Come! Come! Everybody Worship" by Natalie Sleeth / **ALL** /

Led by Kris Lovekin

### **Refrain**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship**

**with a prayer or song of praise!**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship!**

**Worship God always!**

### **Verse 1**

**Worship and remember**

**to keep the Sabbath day.**

**Take a rest and think of God;**

**put your work away! (Refrain)**

## **Verse 2**

**Worship and remember  
the Lord's unending care,  
reaching out to love and help  
people everywhere!**

### **Refrain**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship  
with a prayer or song of praise!  
Come! Come! Everybody worship!  
Worship God always!**

## **Verse 3**

**Worship and remember  
your blessings great and small.  
Give to God an offering;  
show your thanks for all! (Refrain)**

## **Verse 4**

**Worship and remember  
how Jesus long ago  
taught us how to talk to God;  
something we should know! (Refrain)**

## **Verse 5**

**Worship and remember  
that God is like a light,  
showing you the way to go;  
ever burning bright! (Refrain)**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Psalm 85)

(Pastor) In faithful love, let us share signs of peace and kindness with one another. Peace be with you!

**(All) Peace be with you!**

## **THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (Luke 11)

**Christ Jesus, we come to your house this morning, knocking and asking that the door may be opened. We come seeking your face and yearning for your presence in our lives. Open the door of our hearts, as you have opened the doors of your church. Lift our faces, that we may see your face shining upon us. Answer our yearning, that our restive hearts may find their rest in you. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:1-6** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*Unity in the Body of Christ*

<sup>1</sup> I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: <sup>4</sup> there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

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

**(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**INTERLUDE** "Sherry's Prayer" by Lin Calkins Dishaw

"The Healing Water" by Penelope Salinger

Singers: Kris Lovekin, Barbara Bown, and Mary Bolanos.

Members of the Riversong Threshold Choir.

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 4:14-21** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*The Beginning of Jesus' Ministry*

<sup>14</sup> Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding region. <sup>15</sup> He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup> When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to set free those who are oppressed,

<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**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

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #567** "Heralds of Christ" by Laura S. Copenhaver / **All**

**Verse 1**

**Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,  
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,  
pass on and carry swift the news you bring;  
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.**

**Verse 2**

**Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,  
through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,  
build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;  
prepare across the earth the King's highway.**

**Verse 3**

**Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,  
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,  
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease  
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Colossians 2) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) We have been gifted and loved generously by God. In turn, may we share our gifts and love through God's work in the world.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "This Is My Song" by Edwin T. Childs

**\*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** (Hosea 1, Colossians 2) / **All** / Led by Liturgist

**God of love and justice, our hearts are filled with gratitude for all that you have  
given us. As we share these gifts with you, bless them and our missions and  
ministries, that they may bring love and justice to your world. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

**\*SENDING HYMN: #437** "This Is My Song" by Lloyd Stone and Georgia Harkness / **All**

**Verse 1**

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**Verse 2**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.**

**Verse 3**

**This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Heralds of Christ" by Emma Lou Diemer

*In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

George Callow, 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 27**

- Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. 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

### **Tuesday, July 29**

- Summer "Parents' Morning Out" Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Reservations encouraged: Christina Graves, (951) 212-5725, [childrensdirectore@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:childrensdirectore@firstchurchriverside.org). ROOM CHANGE to Fellowship Hall - 9 am - 12 pm

### **Wednesday, July 30**

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 8:00 am
- Summer "Parents' Morning Out," ROOM CHANGE to Fellowship Hall - 9 am - 12 pm
- The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, July 31**

- Summer "Parents' Morning Out," ROOM CHANGE to Fellowship Hall - 9 am - 12 pm (Last day of summer session. PMO will begin again in September with one day a week.) Christina Graves / (951) 212-5725

### **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

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