



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 10, 2025 10 am

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "The Gift of Love" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 50, Luke 12) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) From the rising to the setting sun,

(Congregation) God summons us.

(L) In the perfect beauty all around us,

(C) God brightens our hearts.

(L) When we worship with acts of love and mercy,

(C) God is pleased to give us the kingdom.

(L) Come! Let justice and righteousness be our worship.

(All) Amen!

***OPENING HYMN: #2270** "He Has Made Me Glad" by Leona Von Brethorst (sing 2 times)
/ **All** / Rev. Bev. Devine, Hymn Leader

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made."

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

Refrain:

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Luke 12)

(Pastor) It is God's good pleasure to give us the kingdom. Let us share this treasure with one another as we pass the peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of joys and concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Isaiah 1, Luke 12) / **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 / Pastor J. T. Kim

SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 3:26-28 (CEB) / Liturgist

You Are All One in Christ Jesus

²⁶ You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Linda R. Lamb. Bell tree duet played by Gayla Lonsbery and Carmen Lonsbery with Robert Phillips accompanying

***GOSPEL READINGS** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Matthew 22:36-40, The Greatest Commandment

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

John 13:34-35, The New Commandment

³⁴ "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "LOVE BOLDLY" (Sermon Series, "***Our New Vision***," #2 of 5) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #408** "The Gift of Love" by Hal Hopson / **All**

Verse 1

**Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

Verse 2

**Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

Verse 3

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Luke 12) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also. Let us bring the treasure of our love.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Jesus, United by Thy Grace" by Joseph W. Clokey

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** (Luke 12) / Led by Liturgist

God of grace and God of glory, transform these gifts into vessels of your love and mercy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, may our offering bring treasure from above. May these gifts bring justice and righteousness to your children everywhere. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Loretta Cudney

***SENDING HYMN #561** "Jesus, United by Thy Grace" by John Wesley (Vss. 1, 2, 4, & 5)

Verse 1

**Jesus, united by thy grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek thy face
and know our prayer is heard.**

Verse 2

**Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford,
and feel each other's care.**

Verse 4

**Touched by the lodestone of thy love,
let all our hearts agree,
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward thee.**

Verse 5

**To thee, inseparably joined,
let all our spirits cleave;
O may we all the loving mind
that was in thee receive.**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Luke 12)

(Pastor) People, get ready.

(C) We are dressed for love.

(P) People, get ready.

(C) We are dressed for service.

(P) People, get ready.

(All) We are dressed to shine Christ's light. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Processional" by William Mathias

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Donna Woodard, 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, our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

This Week

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/2nd and 4th Sundays (Meet in Narthex/Youth Room) – 10:15 am
- The Aldersgate Chorale summer break (August)

Monday, August 11

- First day of Preschool!

Wednesday, August 13

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

Thursday, August 14

- UWF Lunch Bunch (The Olive Garden on Tyler) – 11 am

Sunday, August 17

- Worship: Family Sunday with The Response; Casual Attire Sunday; **"SERVE JOYFULLY"** (Sermon Series, **"Our New Vision,"** #3 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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