



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

August 17, 2025 10 am

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost; Family Sunday with The Response;
"Casual Attire Sunday; Hawaiian Shirt/Dress Sunday"**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," African-American spiritual arranged by J. Stuart Archer / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 80) / Led by Steve Kerrick, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Give ear, God of all people.

(Congregation) Stir up your strength and deliver us!

(L) Once you rescued your children from bondage.

(C) Now, set your people free.

(L) Look down from heaven, God of hosts.

(C) Turn to us anew and see us in our need.

(L) Restore us, God of Creation.

(C) Let your face shine upon us.

(L) May our suffering cease.

(All) May all your children be saved. Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** #703 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," African-American spiritual / **All** /
Led by The Response

Refrain:

**Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.**

Verse 1

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me,
coming for to carry me home.

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot,
coming for to carry me home.

Verse 2

If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home;
tell all my friends I'm coming too,
coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)

Verse 3

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down,
coming for to carry me home;
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,
coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)

Verse 4

The brightest day that I can say,
coming for to carry me home;
when Jesus washed my sins away,
coming for to carry me home. (Refrain)
Coming for to carry me home.

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Luke 12)

(Pastor) The peace of Christ is not an easy peace. This is not just a peace of embracing those we love. This is a peace of facing hard truths, forgiving huge sins, and uniting with antagonists across great divides. Let us extend to one another the peace that Christ has extended to us. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER / Pastor Kim

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 4:8-11 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Serve One Another

⁸ Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Be hospitable to one another without complaining. ¹⁰ Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. ¹¹ Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "No Longer Slaves" by Jonathan David Helser, Brian Johnson, Joel Case / The Response

*GOSPEL READING: John 13:12-15 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet

¹ Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. ² The devil had already decided that Judas son of Simon Iscariot would betray Jesus. And during supper ³ Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴ got up from supper, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵ Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶ He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷ Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." ⁸ Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹ Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹ For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴ So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "SERVE JOYFULLY" (Sermon Series, ***Our New Vision***, #3 of 5) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "Blessed Be Your Name" by Beth Redman and Matt Redman /
Led by The Response

Verse 1

**Blessed be your name
in the land that is plentiful,
where your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be your name.**

Verse 2

**Blessed be your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be your name.**

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll
turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say,**

Chorus

**"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name."**

Verse 3

**Blessed be your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's "all as it should be,"
blessed be your name.**

Verse 4

**Blessed be your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be your name.**

Pre-Chorus

**Ev'ry blessing you pour out I'll
turn back to praise.**

**When the darkness closes in, Lord,
still I will say,**

Chorus

**"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name."**

Bridge

**You give and take away,
you give and take away.**

**My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, blessed be your name."**

Chorus

**"Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your name.**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be your glorious name." (Repeat Chorus)**

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

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

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" by Wayne L. Wold

***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) / **All** / 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 / Steve Kerrick

***SENDING HYMN: "People, Get Ready" by Curtis Mayfield / All / Led by The Response**
People, get ready.
There's a train a-comin'.
You don't need no baggage.
You just get on board.
All you need is faith
to hear the diesels hummin'.
You don't need no ticket.
You just thank the Lord.

People, get ready.
There's a train to Jordan
picking up passengers
from coast to coast.
Faith is the key.
Open the doors and board them.
There's hope for all among those loved the most.

Instrumental

There ain't no room
for the hopeless sinner
who would hurt all mankind
just to save his own.
Have pity on those whose
chances grow thinner.
There's no hiding place
against the Kingdom's throne.

People, get ready.
There's a train a-comin'.
You don't need no baggage.
You just get on board.
All you need is faith
to hear the diesels hummin'.
Don't need no ticket. You just thank the Lord.
Don't need no ticket. You just thank the Lord.
Don't need no ticket. You just thank the Lord.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata in the Style of Scarlatti" by Gordon Young

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 17

- Worship – Pastor Kim's sermon: **"SERVE JOYFULLY"** (Sermon Series, **"Our New Vision,"** #3 of 5) / Hymns led by The Response band / "Casual Attire Sunday" (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- The Aldersgate Chorale summer break (August)

Wednesday, August 20

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) – 7:30 am
- The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 21

- Outreach Committee Meeting (Chandler Lounge) – 11 am

Sunday, August 24

- Worship – Pastor Kim's sermon: **"LEAD COURAGEOUSLY"** (Sermon Series, **"Our New Vision,"** #4 of 5) (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship / Second and Fourth Sundays – 10:15 am
- Red Cross Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall) – 8 am – 2 pm
- "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

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