



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

**August 24, 2025 10 am**

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Prelude on 'Servant Song'" by Anthony Gray / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Hebrews 12) / Led by Rev. Bev Devine, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Where can we stand when God is shaking the earth?

**(Congregation) We will stand on the promises of God.**

(L) Where can we find support when our foundations fail?

**(C) We will lean on the everlasting arms of God.**

(L) Where can we find salvation in times like these?

**(C) We will look to Jesus and to his covenant of life.**

(L) Let us worship the God of our salvation.

**(All) Amen!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #57** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" by Charles Wesley (Verses 1, 2, 3, 5, 7) / **ALL** / Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader

### **Verse 1**

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!**

### **Verse 2**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.**

### **Verse 3**

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

### **Verse 5**

**He speaks, and listening to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.**

### **Verse 7**

**In Christ, your head, you then shall know,  
shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below,  
and own that love is heaven.**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Jeremiah 1, Psalm 71, Luke 13)

**(Pastor)** God is our refuge and our strength, the very foundation of our lives. Rest in this knowledge and share the joy of God's love as you exchange signs of Christ's peace with one another. Peace be with you!

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

**"BACK TO CHURCH" VIDEO** (1 of 5) / Media Team

### **THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (Luke 13)

**Great Healer, we are beaten down by life's suffering. Make us whole, O God, and help us share your healing with the world. Free us from the demons that shackle our spirits, and set us free from the chains that bind us, that we may help break the chains of others. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 1:1-9** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*God's Commission to Joshua*

**<sup>1</sup> After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses's assistant, saying, <sup>2</sup> "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup> Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses.**

<sup>4</sup> From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. <sup>5</sup> No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, for you shall lead this people to possess the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. <sup>7</sup> Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. <sup>9</sup> I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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

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

**INTERLUDE:** "My Shepherd's Sacred Throne" by Walter S. Hartley / Jeff Benedict, saxophone; Robert Phillips, organ

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:25-37** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*The Parable of the Good Samaritan*

<sup>25</sup> An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup> He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup> He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup> And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." <sup>29</sup> But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup> Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup> So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup> But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup> He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup> The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup> Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup> He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: "LEAD COURAGEOUSLY"** (Sermon Series, "**Our New Vision**," #4 of 5) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #534** "Be Still, My Soul" by Katharina von Schlegel / **All**

**Verse 1**

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Verse 2**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
to guide the future, as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.**

**Verse 3**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Jeremiah 1, Luke 13) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) The Spirit of God works through us, speaking hope through our words. The mercy of Christ works within us, healing neighbors through our actions in Christ's name. Now let us freely give of our time, treasure, and talent for the work of God's church in the world.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Fanfare on 'O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing'" by Charles Callahan

**\*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** (Psalm 71) / Led by Liturgist

**Generous God, you have blessed us throughout our lives. Take these offerings, and every gift we give, and use them to show others the breadth of your unfailing love. Amen.**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN: #2222** "The Servant Song" by Richard Gillard

**Verse 1**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

**Verse 2**

**We are pilgrims on a journey;  
we're together on this road.  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**Verse 3**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Verse 4**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Verse 5**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Verse 6**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Jeremiah 1, Luke 13)

**(Pastor)** God has set us free.

**(Congregation)** God releases us from bondage.

(P) Christ has made us whole.

**(C) Christ heals our wounds.**

(P) The Spirit has strengthened us for the journey.

**(C) God's Spirit sends us forth.**

(P) Go with the confidence of God's anointed.

**(All) Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius, transcribed by H. A. Fricker

### *In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

James Herron, Liz Jennings, 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 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

#### **Tuesday, August 26**

-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 pm

#### **Wednesday, August 27**

-UWF "Walk About" (off campus) – 7:30 am

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

#### **Thursday, August 28**

-UWF Bible Study, "Signs and Secrets of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jason (#1 of 5). Bible Study begins on August 28th via Zoom. Social Time 6:45. Social Time is also a good time to make sure our audio and video are working before Bible Study. Bible Study starts at 7 pm. If you have not attended before, contact Karen Eagens at kkeagens@aol.com or Lyn Knowles at daselwon@aol.com to get your Zoom invite.

#### **Sunday, August 31**

-Worship: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost; Pastor Kim's sermon: **"THE 'SANKOFA' BIRD: A CONCLUSION"**

(Sermon Series, **"Our New Vision,"** #5 of 5) (Sanctuary) – 10 am

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

#### **Monday, September 1**

Labor Day Holiday (Church office, campus, and Preschool closed)

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