



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

**September 21, 2025 10 am**

**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost; Family Sunday with The Response**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "There Is a Balm in Gilead" by Robert J. Powell / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

\***INTROIT:** "Sing for Joy" by Hal H. Hopson, The Aldersgate Chorale / directed by Yvonne Flagg

\***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Jeremiah 8, Psalm 79) / Led by David Leonard, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Search for the Lord each day.

**(Congregation) God waits where we least expect it.**

(L) Search for the balm in Gilead.

**(C) God brings healers in our need.**

(L) Cry out to the Lord in times of distress.

**(C) God comes speedily to meet us.**

(L) Come! Worship the One who hears our pleas.

**(All) Amen!**

\***OPENING HYMN:** "Old Church Choir" by Colbe Wedgeworth, Ethan Hulse, and Zach Williams / **All** / Led by The Response

### **Verse 1**

**There's revival and it's spreading  
like a wildfire in my heart,  
Sunday morning "hallelujah,"  
and it's lasting all week long.**

Can you hear it? Can you feel it?  
It's the rhythm of a gospel song.  
Once you choose it, you can't lose it.  
There ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!

Verse 2

When the valleys that I wander  
turn to mountains that I can't climb,  
oh, you're with me; never leave me.  
'Cause there ain't nothing, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!  
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!  
Whoa oh! Whoa oh! Whoa oh! Whoa!

Bridge

Clap your hands and stomp your feet 'til you find that gospel beat,  
'cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need. (Repeat)

Chorus

I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.  
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.  
I've got a heart overflowing 'cause I've been restored.  
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**WELCOME** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (1 Timothy 2)

(Pastor) Christ's peace is found in hearts that are turned to God. Let us find deep and abiding peace, as we share a moment of grace with one another. Peace be with you!

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

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns
- “Back-To-Church” Video (5 of 5) / Media Team
- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### 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.**

**PRAYER RESPONSE** “Amen” (Dresden)

**CHILDREN’S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**INTERLUDE:** “Nobody” by Bernie Herms, Douglas Williams, Leonard Williams, Mark Hall, Matthew West, and Melvin Williams / The Response

**SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:37-47** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*The First Converts*

**<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.**

*Life Among the Believers*

**<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.**

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

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

**ANTHEM:** "Ascribe to the Lord" by Joseph M. Martin / The Aldersgate Chorale

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-21** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease*

**11** On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. **12** As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, **13** they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" **14** When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. **15** Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. **16** He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. **17** Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? **18** Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" **19** Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

*The Kingdom of God Is Among You*

**20** Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed, **21** nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: "THE POWER OF BIBLICAL FELLOWSHIP"** (Sermon series, "*Life Is Better Together*," #3 of 5) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"** by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman (Led by The Response)

Chorus

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.**

**Worship his holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul.**

**I'll worship your holy name.**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
it's time to sing your song again.**

**Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)**

Verse 2

**You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.**

**Your name is great, and your heart is kind.**

**For all your goodness I will keep on singing,  
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)**

## Instrumental

### Chorus

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.**

**Worship his holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul.**

**I'll worship your holy name.**

### Verse 3

**And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come.**

**Still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

### Chorus

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.**

**Worship his holy name.**

**Sing like never before, O my soul.**

**I'll worship your holy name.**

**Worship your holy name,**

**Lord, I'll worship your holy name.**

## **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Luke 16) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God calls us to be wise with our riches so that God's realm may be blessed for the benefit of all.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Where Charity and Love Prevail" by Rebecca Groom te Velde

**\*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** (Luke 16) / **All** / Led by Liturgist

**May we be found faithful in a little, that you may entrust us to be faithful in much.**

**We offer you these gifts in gratitude for your love. May they bring your healing and light to those who need the balm of Gilead. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin

**\*SENDING HYMN:** "I Saw the Light / I'll Fly Away Medley" by Albert E. Brumley, Hank Williams, Zachery T. Shelton, John Mandeville, Steve Siler, and Harry Dixon Loes / Led by the Response / All

**I wandered so aimless, a life filled with sin.**

**I wouldn't let my dear Savior in.**

**Then Jesus came in like a stranger in the night.**

**Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**I saw the light, I saw the light,  
no more darkness, no more night.**

**Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.**

**Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**I've walked in darkness, clouds covered me.**

**I had no idea where the way out could be.**

**Then came the sunrise and rolled back the night.**

**Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**I saw the light, I saw the light,  
no more darkness, no more night.**

**Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.**

**Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**Instrumental**

**I saw the light, I saw the light,  
no more darkness, no more night.**

**Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.**

**Praise the Lord! I saw the light.**

**Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.**

**To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.**

**I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.**

**When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.**

**Do, Lord, oh, do, Lord, oh, do remember me.**

**Do, Lord, oh, do, Lord, oh, do remember me.**

**Do, Lord, oh, do, Lord, oh, do remember me.**

**Look away beyond the blue.**

**I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.**

**I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.**

**I've got a home in Gloryland that outshines the sun.**

**Look away beyond the blue.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine 'til Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
Just like that blind man, I wandered alone.  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.  
Then like the blind man  
who God gave back his sight,  
praise the Lord! I saw the light.  
I saw the light, I saw the light,  
no more darkness, no more night.  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light.  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "Fanfare" by William Mathias

*In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

Devyn Salmon, Marie Madden, Gitanjali Spencer, Liz Jennings,  
Donna Woodard, Emilie Gorham, George Callow, Bill Ashworth,  
Kalvin Narayan and Shail Singh, Norma Nelson, Ed Lamers, John and Susan Logger,  
Michael Thompson, Mack Davis, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Pat Beals, Melissa Williams,  
Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Marge Wolter, Michelle Arguelles,  
Robert and Benita Roberts, De'Ann McWilliams, Jazz Roberts' family,  
Gaddiel Gwira's family, Claudia Weber-Timmerman's family (Roy and Cheryl Riggs),  
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

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New Members Welcoming Sunday:  
September 28th

## **This Week**

### **Sunday, September 21**

- Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Back to Church Sunday; Family Sunday with The Response; Pastor Kim's Sermon: **"THE POWER OF BIBLICAL FELLOWSHIP"** (Sermon series, **"Life Is Better Together,"** #3 of 5) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Faith and Fellowship "Crazy Casserole Potluck!" Bring your favorite! (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am
- English Country Dance (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays) (Fellowship Hall) - 3 pm

### **Monday, September 22**

- Church Council (Zoom) - 7 pm

### **Tuesday, September 23**

- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (MPR) - 7 pm

### **Wednesday, September 24**

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 7:30 am
- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am to 12 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, September 25**

- UWF Bible Study / "Signs and Secrets of the Messiah" by Rabbi Jason Sobel (#5 of 5 sessions) (Zoom) - 6:45 pm
- The Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

### **Friday, September 26**

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (MPR) - 7 am

### **Saturday, September 27**

- UWF Unit Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 10 am
- Empty Nesters (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

### **Sunday, September 28**

- Worship - New Member Welcoming Sunday; Pastor Kim's sermon: **"Cultivating a Stronger Community"** (Sermon series, **"Life Is Better Together,"** #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
- "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
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm

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