



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

October 12, 2025 10 am

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Stewardship Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Douglas E. Wagner / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #438** "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord" by Charles Wesley and John Hatton / Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know
in all I think or speak or do.**

Verse 2

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned,
O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find,
and prove thy good and perfect will.**

Verse 3

**Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,
and labor on at thy command,
and offer all my works to thee.**

Verse 4

**For thee delightfully employ
whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with thee to heaven.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 66) / Leslie Tomlinson, Liturgist

(L) People of Faith, come and see what God has done!

(Congregation) God has guided us and walked with us.

(L) See how God has protected us.

(C) God has brought us to this sacred space.

(L) Let us give glory to God!

(All) Let us sing praises to God! Amen!

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

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

(Pastor) The living Christ is here with us! May the peace of Christ dwell deeply in our souls. Let's share this peace with the entire community. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Psalm 66, 2 Timothy, Luke 17)

Holy One, we gather to sing your praises! We are grateful for the gift of this day and all the ways you make your presence known. We are grateful for your abiding Spirit and the ways the Spirit empowers us to be your people. In this time of worship, deepen our faith. Restore our souls and heal us.

After we have spent time with you, return us to our community, that we may share your love and grace with everyone we meet. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Joy of Generous Giving

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

**"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."**

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us,¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

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

(Congregation) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "Care for Creation" by Pepper Choplin / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 6:31-33** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Seek First the Kingdom of God

³¹ "Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³² For it is the gentiles who seek all these things, and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to you, O Christ!

SERMON: "A JOURNEY OF HOPE (I): STEWARDSHIP" (Stewardship Sermon #1 of 2) /
The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #405** "Seek Ye First" by Karen Lafferty

Verse 1

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

Verse 2

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find;
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 66) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God has done amazing things in our lives! Now is the time to offer our gratitude for all the blessings we have received. With thanks and praise, let us offer our gifts to God.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Introit" by Gordon Young

***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** (Jeremiah 29, Luke 17) / **All** (Led by Liturgist)
Gracious God, we come to say thank you for all the ways you bring forth life and health and renewal. Bless these gifts, that they may bring forth life and healing in our community. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #140** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by Thomas O. Chisolm and William M. Runyan

Verse 1

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Verse 2

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata on 'Forth in Thy Name, O Lord'" by Joel Raney

We are called to pray for:

Lucille Novak, Jun Valino, Patrick Russell, Jon Dugan, Derek and Robin Austin, Devyn Salmon,
Marie Madden, Gitanjali Spencer, Liz Jennings, Donna Woodard, Emilie Gorham,
George Callow, Bill Ashworth, Norma Nelson, Calvin Narayan and Shail Singh, Ed Lamers,
Mack Davis, John and Susan Logger, Michael Thompson, Pat Beals, Melissa Williams, Kennedy
Williams, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke,
Marge Wolter, Michelle Arguelles, Robert and Benita Roberts, De'Ann McWilliams,
Jazz Roberts and family, Josephine Essien and family, Cheryl and Roy Riggs and family,
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 12

- Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Stewardship Sunday; Worship; **“A JOURNEY OF HOPE (I)”** (Stewardship Sermon #1 of 2) (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children’s Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) – 10:15 am
- UMM Lunch – Program: Allison George (Ecuador Missions trip) / United Women in Faith Bake Sale (Fellowship Hall) – 11 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (only one time this month) (Youth Room) – 5 pm

Monday, October 13

- Pastor Kim on vacation from 10/13 to 10/19

Tuesday, October 14

- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 7 pm
- SPRC (Zoom) – 7 pm

Wednesday, October 15

- UWF “Walk About” (off campus) – 7:30 am
- Parents Morning Out (Wednesdays – Room 2 at FUMPS) – 9 am – 12 pm
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm

Thursday, October 16

- UWF Bible Study: “Breaking the Code / Understanding the Book of Revelation” (Zoom) – 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) – 7 pm

Friday, October 17

- Men’s Prayer Breakfast (Mary’s Kitchen) – 7 am

Sunday, October 19

- Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost; Laity Sunday/ Family Sunday with The Response; Bells, and Guest Speaker, Lucinda Edmunds. (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children’s Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- English Country Dance (1st and 3rd Sundays) (Fellowship Hall) – 3 pm

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