



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

October 26, 2025 10 am

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost;

Commitment Sunday/Pledge Sunday; Reformation Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Pastorale on 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'" by Wayne L. Wold / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #110** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Martin Luther / Led by Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

Verse 2

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;**

Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Joel 2, Psalm 65) / Led by The Rev. Bev Devine, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

(Congregation) God is our hope and our salvation.

(L) The Lord blesses the earth with rain.

(C) God crowns the year with bounty.

(L) The Lord makes old men dream dreams.

(C) God makes young girls see visions.

(L) Rejoice in the Lord and be glad.

(All) God is our hope and our salvation. Amen!

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

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

(Pastor) With dreams and visions guiding our way, let us turn to one another and 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) (Joel 2, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4)

Giver of dreams and visions, pour out your Spirit on our fellowship, for we need your presence in our lives. Show your portents in the heavens and set your signs on the earth and seas. Touch our spirits with the awe of your majesty, that we may humbly dwell within your courts in peace and harmony. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

INTERLUDE: "The Name of the Lord" by Clinton Utterbach, arranged by Patricia Sanders Cota / The Allegro Ringers, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 24:18-25 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

David's Altar on the Threshing Floor

¹⁸That day Gad came to David and said to him, "Go up and erect an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." ¹⁹Following Gad's instructions, David went up, as the Lord had commanded. ²⁰When Araunah looked down, he saw the king and his servants coming toward him, and Araunah went out and prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground. ²¹Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" David said, "To buy the threshing floor from you in order to build an altar to the Lord, so that the plague may be averted from the people." ²²Then Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take and offer up what seems good to him; here are the oxen for the burnt offering and the threshing sledges and the yokes of the oxen for the wood. ²³All this, O king, Araunah gives to the king." And Araunah said to the king, "May the Lord your God respond favorably to you." ²⁴But the king said to Araunah, "No, but I will buy them from you for a price; I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God that cost me nothing." So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵David built there an altar for the Lord and offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being. So, the Lord answered his supplication for the land, and the plague was averted from Israel.

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

(All) Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM: "Gaudeamus Hodie (Let Us Rejoice Today)" by Natalie Sleeth / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READING: John 21:15-17** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

"Do You Love Me?... Feed My Sheep"

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

(All) Glory to you, O Christ!

SERMON: "A JOURNEY OF HOPE (II): HEART GIVING" (Stewardship Sermon #2 of 2) /

The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***PRESENTATION OF YOUR COMMITMENT CARDS / HYMN OF DEDICATION:**

#368 *"My Hope Is Built"* by Edward Mote and William B. Bradbury

Verse 1

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

Verse 2

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)**

Verse 4

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!**

Refrain:

**On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Joel 2, Psalm 65) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God has dealt wonderfully with us. We have what we need. Now we are called to share from our abundance to support the work of God through this church. May we give gladly, however great or small, to thank God for our call to be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" by Robert J. Powell

***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** (Joel 2) / Led by Liturgist

God, we are so grateful that you name and claim us as your beloved ones. We thank you with all our hearts for the cleansing rain in our souls. And so, we offer you what we have: our resources, our time, our energy, our very selves for your ministry in the world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #400** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by Robert Robinson

Verse 1

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

Verse 2

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

Verse 3

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Johann Pachelbel and Johann Gottfried Walther

We are called to pray for:

Jim Conlin, Jeff Ashworth, Loretta Cudney, Rizzy Manacop, Margie Baillod, 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, Ed Lamers, Calvin Narayan and Shail Singh, 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 26

- Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost; Commitment Sunday; Reformation Sunday; Worship; **"A JOURNEY OF HOPE (II): HEART GIVING"** (Stewardship Sermon #2 of 2) (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) – 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
- Halloween Hop (Fellowship Hall) – 5 pm

Monday, October 27

- Church Council Meeting (Zoom) – 7 pm

Tuesday, October 28

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

Wednesday, October 29

- 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 30

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

Friday, October 31

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

Sunday, November 2

- Chapel Prayer – 9:15 am
- Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost; All Saints' Sunday; Holy Communion with Remembrance; New Sermon Series, **"Pursuing CALM in These Anxious Times"** (1 of 4) (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Allegro Ringers (Worship) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- English Country Dance (1st and 3rd Sundays) (Fellowship Hall) – 3 pm
- Church and Society Missions (Chandler Lounge) – 11:15 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) – 5 pm

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