



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

November 16, 2025 10 am

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Family Sunday with The Response

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Isaiah 65) Led by Sophie Weiss, Liturgist
(Liturgist) I am about to create new heavens and a new earth.

(Congregation) Thus says our God, the Holy One.

(L) Be glad and rejoice in this new creation.

(C) Celebrate all that is coming to you.

(L) For your weeping shall be met with rejoicing.

(C) And your suffering will be overtaken by new life.

(L) You shall build homes and live in them;

(C) plant gardens and eat from them.

(L) Whenever you call, I will answer.

(C) When you cry out, I will come.

(L) Heaven and earth will be filled with my peace.

(All) Everything will become a new creation. Amen!

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

***OPENING HYMN:** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, and Louie Giglio / **All** / Led by The Response

Verse 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.**

Verse 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.**

Chorus

**My chains are gone. I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy rains,
unending love, amazing grace.**

Verse 3

**The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.**

Chorus

Verse 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine. You are forever mine.**

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Isaiah 65)

(Pastor) We are offspring blessed by the Lord. So shall our descendants be. Let God's peace surround us and fill us, now and forever, as we share signs of peace and welcome. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-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) / The Aldersgate Chorale

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

INTERLUDE: "You Are So Good to Me" by Don Chaffer, Ben Pasley and Robin Pasley / The Response

SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Do Not Be Anxious About Anything

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace" by Mary McDonald / The Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING:** John 14:25-27 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Peace I Leave with You

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "LEAVE YOUR CONCERNS WITH GOD" (Sermon series, *"Pursuing CALM in These Anxious Times,"* 3 of 4) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" / Led by the Response / **All**

Verse 1

**I am weak but thou art strong.
Jesus, keep me from all wrong.
I'll be satisfied as long
as I walk, dear Lord, close to thee.**

Chorus

**Just a closer walk with thee—
grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee.
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Verse 2

**Through this world of toil and snares,
if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

Chorus

Verse 3

**When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me will be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.**

Chorus

**Just a closer walk with thee—
grant it, Jesus, is my plea.
Daily walking close to thee.
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
Tag: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Isaiah 65) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God has given us home and hearth and love without end. Let us share our lives and our gifts with the One who has gifted us.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Alec Wyton

***OFFERING HYMN:** "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** (Isaiah 65) / Led by Liturgist

Gracious God, you have given us new heavens and a new earth. You bless us with new life and presence, more than ever before. So, let us build and share our homes. Let us plant gardens and offer the fruit to those who hunger. We offer our gifts to you and to all your people. For then shall we too be fed—in body and in spirit. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin

***SENDING HYMN:** "Bread of Life" by John Watilo and Ron Wallace / **All** / Led by The Response

Chorus

**I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.
I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.**

Verse 1

**Lift your eyes to me and do not be afraid.
If you'll come to me, I will not turn you away.
Put your trust in me and you won't be ashamed
for I've called you to bring glory to my name.**

Chorus

**I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.
I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.**

Verse 2

**I have known you since before the earth was formed.
I have called you since the day that you were born.
I have destined you to be counted as my own
and inherit all the riches of my throne.**

Chorus

**I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.
I am the Bread of Life. I am the Bread of Life
and you, my child, will never go hungry again.**

Bass instrumental...then

Bridge:

**Trust in me and you won't be ashamed
for I've called you to bring glory to my name. (Chorus 2X)**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee" by Johann Sebastian Bach

In Our Hearts and Prayers

James Herron, Doug Robinson, Devyn Salmon, Josh Salmon, Rizzy Manacop,
Margie Baillod, Lucille Novak, Jun Valino, Patrick Russell, Jon Dugan, Gitanjali Spencer,
Derek and Robin Austin, Liz Jennings, George Callow, Bill Ashworth, Norma Nelson, Ed Lamers,
Mack Davis, De'Ann McWilliams, Michael Thompson, Pat Beals, Melissa Williams,
Kalvin Narayan and Shail Singh, John and Susan Logger, Mary Herrmann, Mary Boon,
Bill and Helen Nuchols, Jim Ashworth, Melva Cooke, Marge Wolter, Robert and Benita Roberts,
Josephine Essien and family, Cheryl and Roy Riggs and family,
our families, our neighbors, our country, our world

CHARGE CONFERENCE (2025-2026) Sunday, November 16, 2025, 3 pm

FUMCOR, Wesley UMC, Corona UMC, and the Box Springs Collaborative meet in Sanctuary.

This Week

Sunday, Nov. 16

- Worship with the Response; Sermon: **"LEAVE YOUR CONCERNS WITH GOD"** (Sermon series, **"Pursuing CALM in These Anxious Times,"** 3 of 4) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Charge Conference (Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary) - 3 pm
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday (Friendsgiving Dinner) (Youth Room) - 5 pm

Monday, Nov. 17

- Finance Committee (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 18

- Staff Meeting (Conference Room) - 10 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 19

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 8:00 am
- Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

Thursday, Nov. 20

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

Friday, Nov. 21

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 am
- Parents Night Out (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

Sunday, Nov. 23

- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) - 10:15 am
- "Hanging of the Greens"** (decorating the sanctuary with garlands and lights in preparation for Advent/Christmas) Thank you! **"Many hands make light work."** - John Heywood - 11:15 am
- The Habit Fundraiser - 11 am - 9:30 pm

Monday, Nov. 24

- Preschool closed through 11/28
- Church Council (Zoom) - 7 pm

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