



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

November 9, 2025 10 am

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; Veterans Day Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "The Ash Grove" by David M. Cherwien / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #77** "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart K. Hine / **All**
/ Led by Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

Verse 2

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)**

Verse 4

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!**

Refrain:

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how great thou art, how great thou art!
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***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Haggai 2, Psalm 145) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Inhale the bounty of God's peace.

(Congregation) Splendor is a gift of the presence of God.

(L) Serenity is the treasure that comes from God's Spirit.

(C) Through the love of God, we find our rest.

(L) Now exhale all that resists the blessings of God.

(All) Justice and kindness ring from the heart of God. Amen!

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Psalm 145, 2 Thessalonians 2)

(Pastor) Living in the realm of the just and kind Holy One, may we build one another up, knowing that our strength comes from our Creator. Let us share these gifts with our siblings near and far. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

MISSION MOMENTS: Camp Anza (Mercy House) Recognition and Blessings / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

Our Mercy House guests for this Sunday are
the Rev. Charles Chatman and Nicholas Ysassi.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Honoring our Veterans
- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Haggai 2, Psalm 145, 2 Thessalonians 2, Luke 20)

Divine Foundation, even as tumultuous winds shake us and the floor beneath us quakes, you firmly hold us. As the world around us rattles, you erase fear from our hearts. Whether on earth or in heaven, your loving Spirit endures. It pervades the limitless reaches of your creation. Lift us during times of trembling, enduring Spirit, and still us during moments of uncertainty. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

INTERLUDE: "Abide with Me" by William Henry Monk, arranged by Jason W. Krug / Allegro Ringers, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

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) The word of God for the people of God.

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "The Church Within Us" by Kent Schneider / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 18:1-8** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "ASK GOD FOR HELP" (Sermon Series, *"Pursuing CALM in These Anxious Times,"* 2 of 4) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #472** "Near to the Heart of God" by Cleland B. McAfee / **All**

Verse 1

**There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.**

Refrain:

**O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.**

Verse 2

**There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. (Refrain)**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Haggai 2, Psalm 145) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Through the work of our hearts and hands, we are called to deliver the justice and kindness of God. Courage is our guide, as we discern which gifts to share. May the wisdom of God our Creator shine on our pathways along the way.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Pastorale on 'How Great Thou Art'" by Janet Linker

***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** (Haggai 2, Psalm 145, 2 Thessalonians 2) / Led by Liturgist

Holy, Steadfast Love, as we abide together in your realm, you bring stillness to our hurried world. Even as the world quakes and our anxiety builds, your peace blesses our souls. Help us share this serenity with our companions on the road. Bless the gifts we return to you this day, that they may bring unity to your realm and hope for a harmonious universe. Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: #664** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" by Omer Westendorf

Verse 1

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

Verse 2

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" by Johann Ludwig Krebs

In Our Hearts and Prayers

James Herron, Doug Robinson, Jim Conlin, 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,
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, November 9

- Worship: Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost; **"ASK GOD FOR HELP"** (Sermon series, **"Pursuing CALM in These Anxious Times,"** 2 of 4); Allegro Ringers; Veterans Day; Camp Anza Project (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 8:45 am
- Children's Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship – 10:15 am
- United Methodist Men Lunch. Program/Speaker is Jo Scott-Coe, and lunch will be served! (Fellowship Hall) – 11:00 am

Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans Day

- Campus closed
- Preschool closed
- UWF Executive Board meeting (Mary's Kitchen) – 10 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 pm
- SPRC (Zoom) – 7 pm

Wednesday, November 12

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

Thursday, November 13

- UWF Lunch Bunch at Mamma Mia's (10971 Magnolia Ave.) – 11 am
- UWF Bible Study: "Breaking the Code / Understanding the Book of Revelation" (Zoom) – 6:45 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) – 7 pm

Friday, November 14

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

Sunday, November 16

- Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost; Family Sunday with The Response; **"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 / Joint meeting with 6 churches plus potluck (Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall) – 3 pm
- Youth Group – "Friendsgiving" Night – 5th grade through high school (pizza) (Youth Room upstairs) – 5 pm

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