



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

Transfiguration Sunday; Black History Month;
Family Sunday with The Response Praise Band
February 15, 2026 10 am

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Spiritual: Round About the Mountain" by Noel Da Costa / Robert Phillips, Organist

*TRINITY BELLS

*INTROIT: "Seek the Lord" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Exodus 24, Matthew 17) / Led by Tina Rajaratnam, Liturgist (Liturgist) Climb the mountain of God.

(People) We will watch and wait.

(L) Wait for God's glory to shine like the sun.

(P) Wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.

(L) Wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

(P) Wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.

(L) Climb the mountain of God.

(All) We will watch for things worth waiting for. Amen!

*OPENING HYMN: "Old Church Choir" by Colbe Wedgeworth, Ethan Hulse, and Zach Williams / 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.
No, 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.
There ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
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; you 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.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy!**

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

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (Exodus 24, Matthew 17)

(Pastor) As we climb the mountain of God to see Jesus transfigured in our midst, bless those on the journey with us with signs of Christ's peace. Peace be with you!
(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of joys and concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Exodus 24, Matthew 17)

Source of light and love, reveal to us your glory. As you appeared to your servant Moses in devouring fire on Mount Sinai, appear to us now in power and might

during our time of worship. As you revealed Christ's resplendent light to his
disciples on the mountaintop, reveal your radiant light to us during our fellowship together. Transform us with your glory, that our souls might shine your light into a world shrouded in darkness. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE: "This Is Our Prayer" by Sally Ahner

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lucinda Edmunds

INTERLUDE: "People, Get Ready" by Curtis Mayfield / The Response

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:1-6 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Unity in the Body of Christ

¹I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: ⁴there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the people of God. (All) Thanks be to God, Amen!

ANTHEM: "The Lord is Beautiful" (Nimemwona Bwana, Tanzanian traditional) by Michael Burkhardt / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg, Jennifer Walker (soloist). Translation: "We have seen the Lord, and he is beautiful."

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 17:1-9 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Transfiguration

¹Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴**Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."** ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷**But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid."**

⁸And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ! (All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON: "THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS: #3, WHO ARE WE TOGETHER? (PART II OF II)"

(Sermon Series, **"Three Simple Questions,"** 3 of 3) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

"THY LOVING KINDNESS" by Mitchell Hugh

Verse 1

Thy loving kindness is better than life.

Thy loving kindness is better than life.

My lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee.

I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.

Verse 2

I lift my hands, Lord, unto Thy name.

I lift my hands, Lord, unto Thy name.

My lips shall praise Thee.

Thus will I bless Thee.

I will lift up my hands unto Thy name.

*HYMN OF DEDICATION: **"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 / 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.

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. (In the morning.)

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.

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!

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (2 Peter 1, Matthew 17) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) As God has blessed us with the glory of love and light, so God invites us to share these gifts to light God's world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Hold Out Your Light!"—African-American spiritual arranged by William Farley Smith

*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 / ALL / Led by Liturgist

Light of Light, even when our dreams grow dark, you bless us with your radiance and your love. Illumine the gifts we bring before you now, that the world may see your light in the shadows of our world. Illumine our very lives, that our souls may shine with Christ and bring his hope wherever we go. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

*SENDING HYMN: "Down by the Riverside" (Traditional) / The Response / All
Verse 1

I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside,

down by the riverside, down by the riverside;

I'm gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside.

I'm gonna study war no more.

(Chorus)

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,

I ain't gonna study war no more,

I ain't gonna study war no more, I ain't gonna study war no more,

I ain't gonna study war no more.

Verse 2

Well, I'm gonna put on my long white robe, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside;

I'm gonna put on my long white robe, down by the riverside.

I'm gonna study war no more.

(Chorus)

Verse 3

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside, down by the riverside, down by the riverside;

I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside.

I'm gonna study war no more.

(Chorus twice)

*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION (Exodus 24, 2 Peter 1, Matthew 17)

(Pastor) Climb the mountain of God.

(Congregation) We will walk in the light and truth of God.

(P) Do not fear the voice that calls from the heavens.

(C) We will heed our call to follow Jesus.

(P) Draw near to God's holy fire.

(C) We will bathe in the warmth of our God.

(P) Shine the light of Christ in the world.

(All) We will be bold, for God goes with us. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "In Christ There Is No East or West"—African-American spiritual arranged by Dale Wood

We are called to pray for:

Tina Dungan, Lupe Vela, Lyle Adams, Ronnie Tovar, Roger Murray, Lolita Manacop, Grace Reyes, Sharon Henry, Don Greywood, Timothy Speck, Wayne Speir, Rebecca Konegen, Jun Valino, Jon Dugan, Marie Madden, Gitanjali Spencer, Liz Jennings, George Callow, Bill Ashworth, Norma Nelson, Ed Lamers, Mack Davis, Pat Beals, Michael Thompson, Marge Wolter, John and Susan Logger, Melissa Williams, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Michelle Arguelles, Robert and Benita Roberts, Scott and De'Ann McWilliams, the family of Connie Taylor, the family of Mary Bidwell, the family of Dewey Edmunds

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 15

-Family Sunday Worship with the Response Band. SERMON: "THREE SIMPLE QUESTIONS: #3, WHO ARE WE TOGETHER? (PART II OF II)" (Sermon series, *"Three Simple Questions,"* 3 of 3) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor - 10 am
-Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- "Hearts and Hotcakes Brunch" - Church/Society/Missions ministries (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am
-English Country Dance (Fellowship Hall) - 3 pm
-U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm

Monday, February 16

-Presidents' Day - Campus closed / Preschool closed
-Allegro Ringers - Mary's Kitchen - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 17

-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

Wednesday, February 18

-UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 8:30 am
-Ash Wednesday Services (Sanctuary) - Noon and 7 pm

Thursday, February 19

-Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, February 20

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

Sunday, February 22

- First Sunday in Lent Worship. Sermon: "THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR (Part 2 of 2)" (Sermon series, *"The Message of Jesus,"* 8 of 9) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Allegro Ringers Rehearsal/Performance (Sanctuary) - 8:45 am / 10:00 am
- Sunday School "Learn Your Bible" class (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) - 10:15 am
- Missions Garden (Patio) - 11 am
- The Habit Fundraiser, 3555 Riverside Plaza Dr. (show flyer or cell phone to server) - 11 am to 9:30 pm

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