



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

February 22, 2026 10 am

First Sunday in Lent; Black History Month

PRELUDE: "Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land," African-American spiritual arranged by Ronald A. Nelson / Robert Phillips, organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #521** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," African-American spiritual adapted by William Farley Smith / Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)
I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

Verse 2

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

Verse 3

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Genesis 3, Psalm 32, Romans 5) / Led by John McDonald, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Be glad in the Lord and rejoice.

(People) Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

(L) When we confess our transgressions, Christ's grace and forgiveness encompass us.

(P) Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord.

(L) Open yourselves to the teachings and wisdom of the Spirit.

(All) Steadfast love surrounds those who trust the Lord. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Psalm 32, Romans 5, Matthew 4)

(Pastor) May the grace, the steadfast love, and the peace of Christ be with you all.

Please offer one another a sign of Christ's love and peace. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

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: "This Is Our Prayer" by Sally Ahner

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

INTERLUDE: "Gospel Memories," arranged by Linda R. Lamb / Allegro Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Good News of Jesus Christ

'Now I want you to understand, brothers and sisters, the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand,² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures ⁴and that he was buried and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you believed.

(Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the people of God.

(All) **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

ANTHEM: "Celebrate and Sing" by Joel Raney / The Aldersgate Chorale with the "Allegro Ringers" accompanying the choir, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READINGS:** / Liturgist

Mark 1:14-15 (NRSVue)

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ ... Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Luke 4:16-21 (NRSVue)

The Mission Statement of Jesus

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to set free those who are oppressed,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: “THE KINGDOM OF GOD HAS COME NEAR (Part II of II)” (Sermon series, “The Message of Jesus,” 2 of 9) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #352** “It’s Me, It’s Me, O Lord,” African-American spiritual arranged by William Farley Smith / All

Refrain:

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Verse 1

Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

Verse 2

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Refrain:

It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.
It’s me, it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Verse 3

Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it’s me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer. [Refrain]

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Psalm 32, Matthew 4) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Let us offer ourselves to God, emptying ourselves to become God’s divine vessels of love and grace and hope to all we encounter.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Listen to the Lambs," African-American spiritual arranged by Adolphus Hailstork.

***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** (Psalm 32, Matthew 4) / Led by Liturgist
**Generous and gracious God: May the gift of our lives and the gifts of our service
create God's kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.**

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #666** "Shalom to You" by Elise S. Eslinger (2 times)

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.

May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,

Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***BENEDICTION** / Pastor Kim

POSTLUDE: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," African-American spiritual arranged by Calvin Taylor.

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Tina Dungan, Lupe Vela, Lyle Adams, Ronnie Tovar, Roger Murray,
Lolita Manacop, Grace Reyes, Sharon Henry, 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, the family of Connie Taylor,
the family of Mary Bidwell, the family of Dewey Edmunds

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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," 2 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

Monday, February 23

- Small Group Bible Study Leaders' Development (Training) (Conference Room) - 8 am
- Church Council (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, February 24

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

Wednesday, February 25

- UWF Walk About (off campus) - 8:30 am
- Lenten Soup Supper. Speaker: Claire Jefferson Glipa (Family Promise) (Fellowship Hall) - 6 pm

Thursday, February 26

- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Choir Room) - 7 pm

Friday, February 27

- Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7 am

Saturday, February 28

- Mary Bidwell Celebration of Life (Sanctuary) - 10:30 am, with reception following (Fellowship Hall)
- Empty Nesters (Fellowship Hall) - 5 pm

Sunday, March 1

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Second Sunday in Lent, Worship with Holy Communion, **SERMON: "THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT SERMON (PART I)"** (Sermon series, "**The Message of Jesus**," 3 of 9) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor - 10 am
- Sunday School "Learn Your Bible" class (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Church/Society/Missions meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
- English Country Dance (Fellowship Hall) - 1 pm
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm

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