



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

**March 22, 2026 10 am**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent; CROP Hunger Walk Sunday**

**PRELUDE:** "Christ, You Are the Fullness (Arirang)" by Jayne Latva / Robert Phillips, organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #393** "Spirit of the Living God" by Daniel Iverson (2 times)  
/ Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Ezekiel 37, Psalm 130) / Led by Daryl Salmon, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Everything seems dead.

**(People) There is no life anywhere.**

(L) Our hopes have perished.

**(P) We see no future.**

(L) Send the power of your spirit upon us.

**(P) Breathe new life into us.**

(L) We wait for your transforming love.

**(All) We hope. We wait. We trust. Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Romans 8)

**(Pastor)** The Spirit draws us out of ourselves and helps us see others as beloved children of God. The Spirit leads us to life and peace. Let us celebrate the Spirit we see in each other. Peace be with you!

**(All) Peace be with you!**

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

- Introduction to our 2026 CROP Hunger Walkers
- 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:** "Amen" (Dresden)

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT /** Christina Graves

**INTERLUDE:** "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," African-American spiritual arranged by Friedemann Graef / Jeff Benedict, saxophone

**\*GOSPEL READINGS: John 6:35, 51, 54-55, 58** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*I Am the Bread of Life*

**<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**

**<sup>51</sup> "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."**

**<sup>54</sup> "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, <sup>55</sup> for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."**

**<sup>58</sup> "This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."**

*I Am the Resurrection and the Life*

**<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"**

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

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

**ANTHEM:** "A Lenten Walk (Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley)," arr. by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

**SERMON:** "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? (Part I of II)" (Sermon series, "*The Message of Jesus*," 6 of 9) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #2260** "Let Us Be Bread" by Thomas Porter (2 times) / **All**  
**Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,  
broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Ezekiel 37, Psalm 130) / Liturgist  
(Liturgist) God breathes new life into us, giving us hope. We can trust God's promises. Grateful for God's presence, we bring our gifts this day.  
**(All) Amen!**  
(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offerings.

**OFFERTORY:** "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" by Rebecca Groom te Velde

**\*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** (Ezekiel 37) / Led by Liturgist  
**Spirit of God, you breathe new life into the dead and stuck places of our daily living. We are so grateful for the power of your transforming love.  
We bring these gifts, hoping that they will breathe new life into barren places of our world. We bring our lives, filled with new life, ready to serve all your creation.  
Amen!**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

**\*SENDING HYMN #2158** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" by Anonymous

**Verse 1**

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

**Refrain: 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.**

**Refrain:**

**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 3**

**When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore. [Refrain]**

**\*BENEDICTION /** Pastor Kim

**POSTLUDE:** "If My People's Hearts Are Humbled" by Anna Laura Page

*In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

Regan Pope, Doug Robinson, Donna Woodard, Eduardo Reyes, Tina Dungan, Lupe Vela, Lyle Adams, Ronnie Tovar, Roger Murray, Lolita Manacop, Grace Reyes, Sharon Henry, Don Greywood, 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 Mary Bidwell, the family of Connie Taylor

**Welcoming New Members on Easter Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**If you would like to join our church as a member through  
Transfer, Reaffirmation of Faith, Baptism, or Confirmation,  
Please contact Pastor Kim  
[pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org)**

# The Week Ahead

## **Sunday, March 22**

- Fifth Sunday in Lent; **"WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?" (Part I of II)** (Sermon series, **"The Message of Jesus,"** 6 of 9) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) - 10:15 am
- Hosting 2026 Crop Hunger Walk (Patio) - 1:30 pm

## **Monday, March 23**

- Preschool closed for spring break March 23 to 27
- Trustees carpet project in Chandler Lounge and Library - 8 am to 8 pm
- Small Group Bible Study Leaders' Development (Training) (Conference Room) - 8 am
- Church Council (Zoom) - 7 pm

## **Tuesday, March 24**

- Preschool closed for spring break
- Trustees carpet project in Chandler Lounge and Library - 8 am to 8 pm
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

## **Wednesday, March 25**

- Preschool closed for spring break
- Trustees carpet project in Chandler Lounge and Library - 8 am to 8 pm
- UWF Walk About (off campus) - 8:30 am
- Lenten Soup Supper. Speaker: Christina Graves (Fellowship Hall) - 6 pm

## **Thursday, March 26**

- Preschool closed for spring break
- Trustees carpet project in Chandler Lounge and Library - 8 am to 8 pm
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Choir Room) - 7 pm

## **Friday, March 27**

- Preschool closed for spring break
- Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7 am
- Trustees carpet project in Chandler Lounge and Library - 8 am to 8 pm

## **Saturday, March 28**

- Refill Backpacks (Koinonia Rm) - 10 am, with reception following (Fellowship Hall)

## **Sunday, March 29**

- Palm Sunday Worship; **SERMON: "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM? (Part II of II)"** (Sermon series, **"The Message of Jesus,"** 7 of 9 / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor - 10 am
- Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- The Habit Fundraiser (Present flyer in person or on your phone) - 11 am to 9 pm

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Do you know this person? Are you this person?

Send a resume and a cover letter to: [pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org)