



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

**May 10, 2026 10 am**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Mother's Day; Festival of the Christian Home**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #384** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" by Charles Wesley / Led by Rev. Bev Devine, Hymn Leader / **All**

### **Verse 1**

**Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.**

### **Verse 2**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.**

### Verse 3

**Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**

### Verse 4

**Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Acts 17, John 14) / Loretta Cudney, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Gather us in, O God.

**(People) Amidst fire and storm, make us whole.**

(L) Bring us into your presence, Holy One.

**(P) From suffering and pain, save us.**

(L) Shelter us in your loving arms, Precious Lord.

**(P) On the highways of life, guide us.**

(L) Make us your disciples, Great Spirit.

**(All) As we worship this day, lead us home. Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Psalm 66, John 14)

(Pastor) On the other side of trials, rest in the sanctuary of God's healing love. Come, let us share the peace of Christ with one another—the peace promised through the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

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

**RECOGNIZING AND HONORING OUR MOTHERS AND WOMEN**

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

## **RESPONSIVE PRAYER (MOTHER'S DAY) / All**

(Pastor) For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love,

**(All) we pray to the Lord...**

(P) For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them,

**(All) we pray to the Lord...**

(P) For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,

**(All) we pray to the Lord...**

(P) For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,

**(All) we pray to the Lord...**

(P) Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,

**(All) so you watch over your Church.**

(P) Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.

**(All) Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.**

(P) Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.

**(All) Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Adapted from The United Methodist Book of Worship, #438, "Mother's Day")

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** "Give Ear to Our Prayer, O God" by Hal H. Hopson / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26-38** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*The Birth of Jesus Foretold*

**<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.**

**<sup>36</sup> And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**ANTHEM:** "Praise to the Lord, for the Lord Is Good" by Ellen Woods Bryce / The Aldersgate Chorale

**SERMON: "INSIGHTS FROM JESUS' MOM" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor**

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #356 "Pues Se Vivimos (When We Are Living)"** by an anonymous author and Roberto Escamilla / **All**

**Verse 1**

**When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

**Verse 2**

**Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.  
When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

**Verse 3**

**'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

**Verse 4**

**Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.  
We belong to God, we belong to God.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist**

(Liturgist) We are called to be more than hearers of the word, but doers of the word as well. Let us fulfill this calling by sharing God's love and concern with the world.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" 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** (Psalm 66, 1 Timothy 3) / Led by Liturgist  
**Refiner's fire, you purify us and wash us in the waters of our baptism. In gratitude  
and thanksgiving, we return these gifts to you now, that they may bring hope and  
light to a world in need. Amen.**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN: #664** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" by Omer Westendorf / **All  
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 grace and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Acts 17, John 14)

(Pastor) Once we searched and groped for God in darkness.

**(Congregation) Now we reside with Christ in glorious light.**

(P) Once we lived as if God was far from us.

**(C) Now we rejoice each day in God's presence.**

(P) Once we strove for God's acceptance.

**(All) Now we rest secure in God's love. Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "Rejoice in the Lord" by James Mansfield

*In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

David Cardenas, Gary Bruggeman, Lee Ann Salmon, Regan Pope, Bill Ashworth, Eduardo Reyes, Tina Dungan, Lupe Vela, Ronnie Tovar, Roger Murray, Lolita Manacop, Grace Reyes, Sharon Henry, Jun Valino, Jon Dugan, Marie Madden, Gitanjali Spencer, George Callow, Norma Nelson, Ed Lamers, Mack Davis, Pat Beals, Michael Thompson, Marge Wolter, John and Susan Logger, Melissa Williams, Mary Herrmann, Bill and Helen Nuchols, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke, Michelle Arguelles, Robert and Benita Roberts, the family of Robert Schiffer, Scott and DeAnn McWilliams

*This Week*

**Sunday, May 10**

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30-9:45 am
- Mother's Day Worship; Pastor J. T. Kim's sermon, "**INSIGHTS FROM JESUS' MOM**" (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (Youth Room) - 10:15 am - 11 am
- Faith and Fellowship offers Mother's Day treats (Fellowship Hall) - 11 am

**Tuesday, May 12**

- Bible Study w/James (off-campus) - 10 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm
- SPRC (Zoom) - 7 pm

**Wednesday, May 13**

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

**Thursday, May 14**

- Last day of Preschool . . . see you in August!
- Bible Study w/Richard (Chandler Lounge) - 10:30 am
- UWF Lunch Bunch - 11 am
- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) - 7 pm

**Friday, May 15**

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

## **Sunday, May 17**

-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30-9:45 am

-Family Sunday with The Response, Ascension Sunday Worship - Sermon: **"INVITED TO LABOR FOR GOD'S HARVEST (Part II of II)"** (Sermon series, **"Bearing Fruit,"** #3 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am

-Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am - 11 am

-Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) - 5 pm

-U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Group (Youth Room) - 5 pm

## **New Members Welcoming Sunday**

**May 24, Pentecost Sunday**

**If you would like to join the church as a member, please contact Pastor Kim.**

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