



Sunday Worship

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

Order of Worship

May 31, 2026 10 am

Trinity Sunday; First Sunday after Pentecost; Peace with Justice Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Variations on 'All Creatures of Our God and King'" by Charles Callahan/
Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #64** "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" by Reginald Heber /
Jennifer Walker, Hymn Leader / **All**

Verse 1

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Verse 2

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

Verse 3

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

Verse 4

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Genesis 1, Psalm 8, Matthew 28) / L. J. Arguelles, Liturgist

(Liturgist) In the beginning . . .

(People) God created mortals, and asked us to care for all creation.

(L) In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus . . .

(P) Jesus showed us how to love as God loves.

(L) In our time, and throughout eternity . . .

(All) Jesus commands us to lead others to follow in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (2 Corinthians 13)

(Pastor) We are called to live with one another in peace. Christ promises us that the God of love and peace will be with us. Please greet one another with God's love, Christ's peace, and Holy Spirit's embrace. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (Genesis 1, Matthew 28)

Loving God, in that first spark of creativity, you set the cosmos in motion. Time after time, your creative presence brings new life and hope. We experience your love, as we see the marvels of nature. We experience your love, as we study the ethics and compassion of Christ. We experience your love through the ever-presence of your Holy Spirit, who was with you in the beginning, was with Christ throughout his ministry, and is with us to the end of the age. For your loving presence in all your infinite ways, we give you thanks. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Lyn Knowles

INTERLUDE: "Air with Holy, Holy, Holy," arranged by Linda Lamb / Allegro Ringers

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1-2 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The New Life in Christ

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

(Liturgist) This is the Word of God for the people of God! **(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!**

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

Salt and Light

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

ANTHEM: "Hymn to the Trinity" by Michael Burkhardt and Kay Klinkenberg / The Aldersgate Chorale

SERMON: "THE TWO MOST POWERFUL WORDS FOR FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP" (Sermon series, "Bearing Fruit," #4 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #62** "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vss. 1-5) by Francis of Assisi / **All**

Verse 1

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 2

**O brother wind, air, clouds, and rain,
by which all creatures ye sustain,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 3

**O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Verse 4

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfolded blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!**

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Verse 5

**All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!**

**Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God and on him cast your care!**

O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

(please be seated)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God has made us stewards and caretakers of this amazing planet, giving us responsibility to care for one another. Let us show our gratitude by sharing the blessings we have received from God to the glory of God's purposes.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "O Trinity of Blessed Light" by Matthias Weckmann

***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 / Led by Liturgist**

**Gracious God, Holy Trinity, we offer these gifts and ourselves as instruments of
your ever-new creation. Amen.**

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #572 "Pass It On" by Kurt Kaiser / All**

Verse 1

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.**

**That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.**

Verse 2

**What a wondrous time is spring,
when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.**

Verse 3

**I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him,
it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want the world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Toccata on 'Nicaea'" by Page Long

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Roy Riggs, Eric Russler, Terri Whieldon, Tom Kennedy, Christina Graves, Bob Bahnsen, Don Larsen, Neko Williams, 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, Scott and DeAnn McWilliams

This Week

Sunday, May 31

- NO Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) (return to weekly study on June 7)
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 8:45 am
- Trinity Sunday worship; Pastor J. T. Kim's sermon, **"THE TWO MOST POWERFUL WORDS FOR FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP"** (Sermon series, **"Bearing Fruit,"** #4 of 12) (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- The Habit Fundraiser, 3555 Riverside Plaza Dr. (show flyer or cell phone to server) - 11 am to 9:30 pm
- Bible Study w/Lucinda (Chandler Lounge) - 5 pm

Monday, June 1

- Trustees (Zoom) - 7 pm
- Worship Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, June 2

- Bible Study w/James Herron (Off campus: MAGNOLIA GARDENS, 8537 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, 2nd Floor, Community Hall Library) - 10-11 am
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm

Wednesday, June 3

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 8:30 am
- The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
- Bible Study w/Sophie Weiss (Chandler Lounge) - 7 pm

Thursday, June 4

- NO Bible Study w/Richard (Chandler Lounge) - 10:30 am

Friday, June 5

- Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 am
- Set-up for VBS (Fellowship Hall) - 9 am - 5 pm

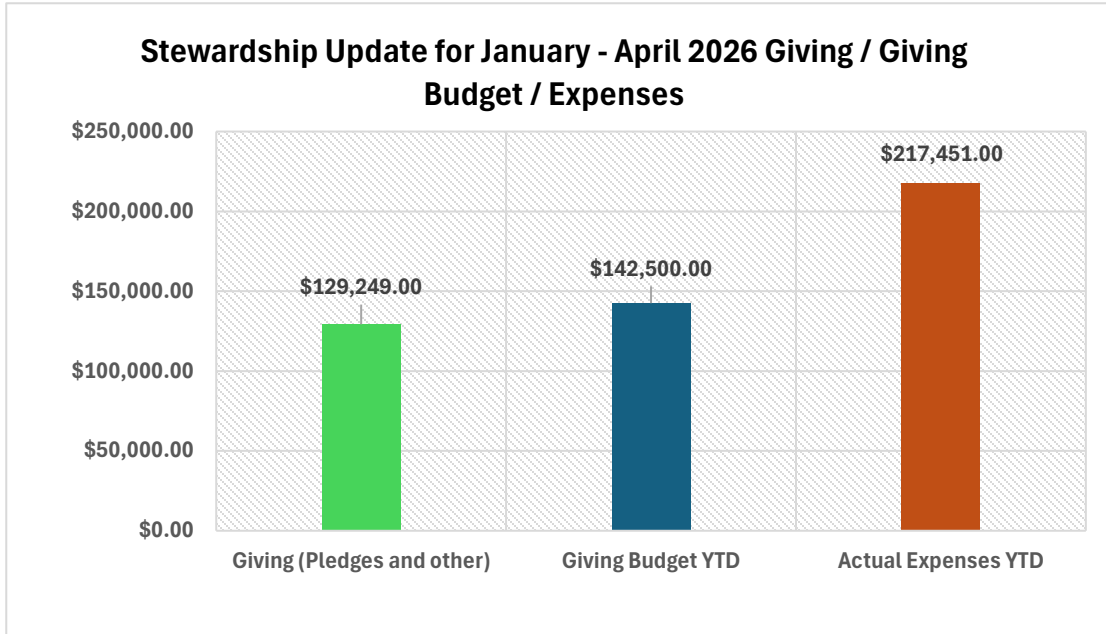
Saturday, June 6

- VBS Set-up (Fellowship Hall) 9 am - 5 pm

Sunday, June 7

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30-9:45 am
- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am - 9:45 am
- Communion Sunday, VBS Dedication Sunday; Sermon: **"THE POWER OF GOD'S VISION"** (Sermon series, **"Bearing Fruit,"** #5 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am - 11 am
- Church and Society/Missions (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
- VBS set-up (Fellowship Hall) - 1 pm
- Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) - 5 pm

The Finance Committee wants you to know about the status of giving from pledges, plate income, and other forms of giving versus our budget for giving. Also included in the chart below is our total expenses from January to April, 2026. We encourage you to give generously so that we can reduce our reliance on other income sources to meet our expense.



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