



# Sunday Worship

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

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## Order of Worship

**June 7, 2026 10 am**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "All Glory Be to God on High" by Friedrich Wilhelm Zachau, Andreas Nikolaus Vetter, and Johann Gottfried Walther / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #2270** "He Has Made Me Glad" by Leona Von Brethorst (2 times) / Led by Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader

### **Verse**

**I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart.**

**I will enter his courts with praise.**

**I will say, "this is the day that the Lord has made."**

**I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

### **Chorus**

**He has made me glad, he has made me glad,**

**I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad, he has made me glad.**

**I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 33) / Led by Jennifer Mahl, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Shout with joy,

**(People) for God has blessed us.**

(L) Sing with praise,

**(P) for God is here.**

(L) Worship and pray,

**(All) for God is listening. Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Genesis 12, Matthew 9)

(Pastor) Blessed with God's love, let's share signs and blessings of love with others, now in this time of worship and in the week ahead. Peace be with you!

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

**V.B.S. BLESSINGS FOR CHILDREN, PARENTS, LEADERS, TEACHERS, HELPERS, SPONSORS, AND ALL OTHER VOLUNTEERS**

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed** (UM Hymn #882) / **All**

(Pastor) Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**(All) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

(Pastor) Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**(All) I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

(Pastor) Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**(All) I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!**

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**PRAYER RESPONSE:** "Give Ear to Our Prayer, O God" by Hal H. Hopson

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**SCRIPTURE READING: Habakkuk 2:2-3** (CEB) / Liturgist

*Write a Vision*

**<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said,**

**Write a vision, and make it plain upon a tablet  
so that a runner can read it.**

**<sup>3</sup> There is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it testifies to the end;  
it does not deceive.**

**If it delays, wait for it;  
for it is surely coming; it will not be late.**

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

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

**ANTHEM:** "Every Valley" by Joseph M. Martin / The Aldersgate Chorale (Directed by Yvonne Flagg)

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:15-20** (CEB) / Liturgist

*Tree and fruit*

**<sup>15</sup> "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you dressed like sheep, but inside they are vicious wolves. <sup>16</sup> You will know them by their fruit. Do people get bunches of grapes from thorny weeds, or do they get figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, and every rotten tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree can't produce bad fruit. And a rotten tree can't produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that doesn't produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, you will know them by their fruit."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

**SERMON: "THE POWER OF GOD'S VISION"** (Sermon series, "**Bearing Fruit**," #5 of 12) /  
The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #451** "Be Thou My Vision," ancient Irish, translated by Mary E. Byrne

**Verse 1**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Verse 2**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**Verse 3**

**Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

***(Please be seated)***

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Genesis 12) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) With gratitude for blessings received, we present our blessings in this time of offering. May God guide us to give generously of our time, talent, service, and treasure, that we may be blessings for the world.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "It Is Well with My Soul" by Harold DeCou

**\*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** (Genesis 12) / Led by Liturgist  
**God of abundance and love, bless these gifts, and bless our lives with your abundance and your love. In all that we have and in all that we are, may we bless and honor you and bless and honor your beloved world. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES**

### **INVITATION**

(Pastor) Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**(All) Spirit of wind and flame, you set us free from prisons of our own making, yet we cling to the fears that jail us. Source of living water, you draw us to Christ, that our hearts may overflow with living water, yet we shun the intimacy of your invitation. Come once more in rushing wind and cleansing fire, that we may embrace your gifts in service to a world in need. Amen.**

### **SILENT PRAYER**

### **PARDON**

(Pastor) Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**(People) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**(All) Glory to God! Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

**(People) And also with you.**

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

**(People) We lift them up to God.**

(Pastor) Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**(People) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. In the beginning your Spirit moved over the face of the waters. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. Your Spirit came upon prophets and teachers, anointing them to speak your Word.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**(All singing)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

(Pastor) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. At his baptism in the Jordan your Spirit descended upon him and declared him your beloved Son. With your Spirit upon him he turned away the temptations of sin. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with fire, as on the Day of Pentecost.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the day you raised him from the dead he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and in the power of your Holy Spirit your Church has continued in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**(All singing)**

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood and empowered by the gifts of the Spirit.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, showing forth the fruit of the Spirit until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**(All singing)**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

**(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.**

### **GIVING & SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(Pastor) Please be assured that, as United Methodists, our congregation uses 100% grape juice for our communion element. Moreover, our church has Open Table tradition - meaning that regardless of your faith background, everyone is invited to come forward and take communion elements. Everyone is invited and everyone is welcome!

Now, for those who are here in person, you have three options: (1) You can take the communion in a traditional way. Take a piece of Bread and dip it into the Cup, then eat it. (2) Or you can simply take a "Fellowship Cup," which includes both elements, from the basket and eat it in your seat. It's your choice. (3) If desired, you may take a "Gluten Free Fellowship Cup" from the special basket.

For those who are at home, via online or telephone, please take your own Bread and Cup now.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:** "Adagio from Partita on 'Slane'" by Charles Callahan

### **UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN: #374** "Standing on the Promises" by R. Kelso Carter

**Verse 1**

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let his praises ring;  
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.**

**Refrain:**

**Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**Verse 2**

**Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

**Verse 3**

**Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

**Verse 4**

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God. [Refrain]**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Genesis 12, Matthew 9)

(Pastor) God's promise is sure.

**(Congregation) We are blessed beyond measure.**

(P) Christ's call is true.

**(All) We go forth to be blessings of love for the world. Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "Pisgah" by Dale Wood

## *In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

James Herron, 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, June 7**

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30- 9:45 am
- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15-9:45 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
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
- VBS Set-Up (Fellowship Hall) - 1 pm
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm
- Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) - 5:30 pm

#### **Monday, June 8**

- Vacation Bible School (Fellowship Hall) - 9 am - 12 pm
- Pre-Conference Legislation Session (Zoom) - 7 pm

#### **Tuesday, June 9**

- Vacation Bible School (Fellowship Hall) - 9 am - 12 pm
- NO** Bible Study w/James
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 7 pm
- SPRC Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

#### **Wednesday, June 10**

- Vacation Bible School (Fellowship Hall) - 9 am - 12 pm
- UWF Walk About (off campus) - 8:30 am
- The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
- Bible Study w/Sophie (Chandler Lounge) - 7 pm

#### **Thursday, June 11**

- Vacation Bible School (Fellowship Hall) - 9 am - 12 pm
- NO Bible Study w/Richard (Chandler Lounge) - 10:30 am
- UWF Lunch Bunch (off campus) - 11 am

#### **Friday, June 12**

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 am
- Vacation Bible School (Fellowship Hall) - 9 am - 12 pm

## **Sunday, June 14**

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) – 8:30-9:45 am
- VBS Celebration Sunday, Graduation Sunday; **Sermon: "EMBRACING HOPE AND FAITH"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (upstairs, Youth Room) – 10:15 am
- United Methodist Men Lunch with Program (Fellowship Hall) – 11:15 am
- BELL CONCERT (Sanctuary) – 5 pm
- Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) – 5:00 pm

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