



# Sunday Worship

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

**4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506**

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## Order of Worship

**August 2, 2026 10 am**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday**

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**PRELUDE:** "O God, Thou Faithful God" by Johannes Brahms / Robert Phillips, Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*OPENING HYMN: #2270** "He Has Made Me Glad" by Leona Von Brethorst (sing 2 times)  
/ **All** / Led by Val Othon, Hymn Leader

**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.**

**Refrain:**

**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** (Matthew 14) / Led by Melissa Williams, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) My people are hungry.

**(People) There are too many to feed.**

(L) Give them something to eat.

**(P) We have only five loaves and two fish.**

(L) You have everything you need.

**(P) It would take a miracle.**

(L) With God, all things are possible.

**(All) In Christ, new hope has dawned. Amen!**

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

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Psalm 17)

(Pastor) As we strive to keep our feet on the paths of peace, we look to our sisters and brothers in Christ for encouragement and hope for the journey. Let us turn and draw strength from one another as we share signs of Christ's peace. Peace be with you!

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

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

**SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:1-18** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*Elijah Flees from Jezebel*

**<sup>1</sup> Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup> Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." <sup>3</sup> Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.**

**<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup> He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

*Elijah Meets God at Horeb*

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup> Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

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

**BELL TREE INTERLUDE:** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" by Linda R. Lamb

**SERMON: "SUSTAINING FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP (Part II of III)"** (Sermon series, "**Bearing Fruit**," #9 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #616** "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" by Charles Wesley  
(Verses 1, 3, & 4)

**Verse 1**

**Come, sinners, to the gospel feast,  
let every soul be Jesus' guest.  
Ye need not one be left behind,  
for God hath bid all humankind.**

### Verse 3

**Come and partake the gospel feast,  
be saved from sin, in Jesus rest;  
O taste the goodness of our God,  
and eat his flesh and drink his blood.**

### Verse 4

**See him set forth before your eyes;  
behold the bleeding sacrifice;  
his offered love make haste to embrace,  
and freely now be saved by grace.**

### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Matthew 14) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Faced with a hungry crowd and only five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed the multitude until all were satisfied. Faced with a hungry world, God invites us to show our faith and offer our gifts, that all might be satisfied.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast" by Theodore Beck

**\*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** (Matthew 14) / Led by Liturgist

**Source of Compassion, all you have given us is yours. May our gifts become loaves  
and fish for those who hunger. May our offerings become love and light for those  
who feel lost and afraid. Help us share our abundance with those in want, that the  
world may be fed and made whole again. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION WITH MUSIC RESPONSES**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

(Pastor) The Lord be with you.

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

(Pastor) Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**(C) 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, God 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) 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."

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

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:** “Improvisation on ‘Come Down, O Love Divine’” and “Pastel on ‘Jerusalem, My Happy Home’” 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 / Val Othon**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #672** “God Be with You till We Meet Again” by Jeremiah E. Rankin

### **Verse 1**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Refrain:**

**Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus’ feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

### **Verse 2**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
neath his wings securely hide you,  
daily manna still provide you;  
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)**

### **Verse 3**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
when life’s perils thick confound you,  
put his arms unfailing round you;  
God be with you till we meet again. (Refrain)**

#### **Verse 4**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
keep love's banner floating o'er you,  
smite death's threatening wave before you;  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**Refrain:**

**Till we meet, till we meet,  
till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
till we meet, till we meet,  
God be with you till we meet again.**

**\*RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Genesis 32, Matthew 14)

(Pastor) Go with the One who brings us through the wilderness into a land flowing with milk and honey.

**(Congregation) We go with the blessings of God, who greets us face to face.**

(P) Go with the One who heals our wounds and makes us whole.

**(All) We go with the blessings of God, who bathes us in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen!**

**POSTLUDE:** "Toccata on 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'" by Gordon Young

#### *In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Susan Reardon, Rollin Edmunds, Lee Ann Salmon,  
Dean Michalka, James Herron, Eric Russler, Terri Whieldon, Tom Kennedy, Christina Graves,  
Bob Bahnsen, Don Larsen, Neko Williams, David Cardenas, Regan Pope, 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,  
Melissa Williams, Mary Herrmann, Jim Ashworth, Mary Boon, Melva Cooke,  
Michelle Arguelles, John and Susan Logger, Bill and Helen Nuchols,  
Robert and Benita Roberts, Scott and DeAnn McWilliams

#### **This Week**

##### **Sunday, August 2**

-Chapel Prayer - 9:15 am

-Worship: Tenth Sunday after Pentecost; Holy Communion Sunday; Pastor Kim's sermon: **"SUSTAINING FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP (Part II of III)"** (Sermon series, "Bearing Fruit," #9 of 12) (Sanctuary) - 10 am

-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

-Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am

### **Monday, August 3**

-Worship Meeting (Zoom) – 7 pm

### **Wednesday, August 5**

-UWF “Walk About” (off campus) – 7:30 am

### **Thursday, August 6**

-Bible Study w/Richard (Chandler Lounge) – 10:00 am

### **Friday, August 7**

-NO Men’s Prayer Breakfast in August

### **Sunday, August 9**

-Worship: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim’s sermon: **“SUSTAINING FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP (Part III of III)”** (Sermon series, *“Bearing Fruit,”* #10 of 12) (Sanctuary) – 10 am  
-Children’s Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am  
-Youth Worship (upstairs, Youth Room) – 10:15 am

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