



Sunday Worship

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

July 12, 2026 10 am

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Arietta" by Horatio Parker / Robert Phillips

***TRINITY BELLS**

***OPENING HYMN: #57** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" by Charles Wesley (Verses 1, 2, 3, & 7) / Jeff Benedict, Hymn Leader / **All**

Verse 1

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

Verse 2

**My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.**

Verse 3

**Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.**

Verse 7

**In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Genesis 25, Matthew 13) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Come, whether weary or rejoicing.

(People) All are welcome here.

(L) Come, whether at peace or in the midst of a struggle.

(P) All are welcome here.

(L) Come, whether growing or wilting.

(All) All are welcome here. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Genesis 25)

(Pastor) Setting aside past hurts, let us offer signs of peace and love to friends and family both near and far. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Psalm 119, Matthew 13)

God of new beginnings and ancient stories, help us see ourselves in your stories, in your promises, and in your garden. Light our way with your word today and guide us with your Spirit of love. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 3:16-21 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Prayer for God's Power

¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

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

INTERLUDE: "Oh, Freedom," African-American spiritual arranged by Friedemann Graef / Jeff Benedict, saxophone

***GOSPEL READING: John 15:4-5** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Abide In Me

4“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5**I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.”

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: “SERVING GOD’S VISION” (Sermon series, **“Bearing Fruit,”** #6 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #369** “Blessed Assurance” by Fanny J. Crosby / **All**

Verse 1

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Verse 2

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Gen 28, Rom 8) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Let us bring our gifts to God who blesses our world with hope.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: “Trumpet Air” by James Bremner, arranged by Jon Spong

***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 116, Romans 5, 1 Corinthians 13) / Led by Liturgist
**Gracious God, bless these gifts, that they may be a blessing to others. And bless
us with patience and faith, that we may bring hope to a hurting world. Amen.**

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #707** "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth / **All**

Verse 1

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Verse 2

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Verse 3

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Genesis 25, Romans 8)

(Pastor) As children of God's promises,

(Congregation) we will bring God's promised love to the world.

(P) As recipients of Christ's peace,

(C) we will bring Christ's peace to the world.

(P) Blessed by the Holy Spirit,

(All) we will bless everyone we meet. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Postlude on Themes from 'The Light in the Wilderness'" by Dave Brubeck

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Brandee (Mandy Johnson-Bottrell's cousin), 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, Gary Bruggeman, 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, the family of Bill Ashworth

It is our church family's privilege to pray on your behalf.

Please contact Rev. Bev with your initial request for prayer, updated request that your name remain on the list, or request that your name be removed from the list.

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This Week

Sunday, July 12

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am - 9:45 am
- Worship: Seventh Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim's sermon: **"SERVING GOD'S VISION"** (Sermon series, **"Bearing Fruit,"** #6 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am

Tuesday, July 14

- "Summer Parents Morning Out" (Tues, Wed, Thurs) (Rm. 2 at Preschool) - 9 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday, July 15

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 7:30 am
- "Summer Parents Morning Out" (Tues, Wed, Thurs) (Rm. 2 at Preschool) - 9 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, July 16

- "Summer Parents Morning Out" (Tues, Wed, Thurs) (Rm. 2 at Preschool) - 9 am - 12:00 pm

Friday, July 17

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

Saturday, July 18

- United Women in Faith with speaker Kris Lovekin (Chandler Lounge) - 10 am

Sunday, July 19

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 - 9:45 am
- Worship: Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim's sermon: **"GIVING LIFE TO THE VISION"** (Sermon series, **"Bearing Fruit,"** #7 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am - 11 am

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