



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

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Order of Worship

July 19, 2026 10 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost; Family Sunday

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE: "The Grace of the Lord" by Gregg Sewell / Robert Phillips

***TRINITY BELLS**

***OPENING HYMN: #2172** "We Are Called" by David Haas / Rev. Bev Devine, Hymn Leader
/ All

Verse 1

**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!**

Refrain

**We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God!**

Verse 2

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love! (Refrain)**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Genesis 28, Psalm 139) / Led by Michael McDonald, Liturgist
(Liturgist) God knows us better than we know ourselves.

(People) Even in the darkest places, the light of God's love is there.

(L) There is nowhere we can flee from God's presence.

(P) In the heavens and in the depths, the Holy One abides with us.

(L) We are God's children, serving the Lord from generation to generation.

(P) God is the one who keeps promises and who provides for us wherever we go.

(L) How awesome is this place!

(All) This is God's house and the gateway to the heavens. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Romans 8)

(Pastor) As children of light who have been adopted into the family of God, greet one another with joy by sharing signs of Christ's peace. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Nehemiah 2:11-18 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Nehemiah's Inspection of the Walls

¹¹So I came to Jerusalem and was there for three days. ¹²Then I got up during the night, I and a few men with me; I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. The only animal I took was the animal I rode. ¹³I went out by night by the Valley Gate past the Dragon's Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that had been broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no place for the animal I was riding to continue. ¹⁵So I went up by way of the valley by night and inspected the wall. Then I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate and so returned.

¹⁶The officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing; I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest who were to do the work.

Decision to Restore the Walls

¹⁷Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no longer suffer disgrace." ¹⁸I told them that the hand of my God had been gracious upon me and also the words that the king had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let us start building!" So they committed themselves to the common good.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" by Shirley Erena Murray / Rev. Bev Devine

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 9:51-62 (NRSVue) / Liturgist**

A Samaritan Village Refuses to Receive Jesus

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

Would-Be Followers of Jesus

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶²And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ! **(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!**

SERMON: "GIVING LIFE TO THE VISION" (Sermon series, "*Bearing Fruit*," 7 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #2162 "Grace Alone" by Scott Wesley Brown, Jeff Nelson / All Verse 1**

**Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.**

**Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.**

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies,
strength unknown he will provide.
Christ in us our Cornerstone;
we will go forth in grace alone.

Verse 2

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away,
every sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace. (Chorus)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Genesis 28) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Let us offer our gifts to God this day in gratitude and praise for God's love and blessings.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Beach Spring" by Michael Burkhardt

***OFFERING SONG:** "As We Seek Your Face" / "Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds / **All** / Led by Rev. Bev Devine

**As we seek your face, may we know your heart;
feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.
Let the world around me fade away.
Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.
For I desire to worship and obey.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** / Led by Liturgist

God of dreams and visions, may this offering be a sign of our commitment to be a blessing to all the peoples of the earth. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #3105** "In Christ Alone" by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / **All**

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his and he is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan
can ever pluck me from his hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Prelude and Fugue in G Major" by Johann Ludwig Krebs

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Gary Spencer, Courtney Wilson, 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

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 19

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) – 8:30 am – 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
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Music Committee Meeting (Mary's Kitchen) – 11:15 am

Tuesday, July 21

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

Wednesday, July 22

- 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 23

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

Friday, July 24

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

Sunday, July 26

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) – 8:30 – 9:45 am
- Worship: Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim's sermon: **"SUSTAINING FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP"** (Part I) (Sermon series, **"Bearing Fruit,"** 8 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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