



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

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Order of Worship

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost;
Family Sunday with The Response Praise Band
August 16, 2026, 10 am**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Variations on an American Hymn Tune," Parts 1-4, by Gordon Young / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***OPENING HYMN:** "Come Thou Fount; Come, Thou King" by John Wyeth, Robert Robinson, Thomas Miller / **All** / Led by The Response

Verse 1

**Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.**

Verse 2

**I was lost in utter darkness
'til you came and rescued me.
I was bound by all my sin when
your love came and set me free.
Now my soul can sing a new song.
Now my heart has found a home.
Now your grace is always with me,
and I'll never be alone.**

Verse 3

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, Lord; take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

**Here's my heart, Lord; take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Genesis 45, Psalm 133, Romans 11, Matthew 15) / Led by Jennifer Mahl,
Liturgist

(Liturgist) When hatred and division separate us,

(People) God's love binds us together.

(L) When quarrels estrange us,

(P) Christ's grace brings reconciliation.

(L) When we feel excluded and left out,

(P) the Spirit's peace eases our pain.

(L) Come! Let us worship the One who makes us one.

(All) Amen!

WELCOME / Pastor J. T. Kim

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Matthew 16, Romans 12)

(Leader) We are one body in Christ, and we belong to one another in this family, the Church. Let us welcome one another to our mutual home as we share the peace of Christ.
Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of joys and 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.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Only God Gives the Growth

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. ⁹For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

(Liturgist) The word of God for the people of God!

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Oceans" by Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, Salomon Ligthelm / The Response / Jeff Ashworth, Bob Banks, Bev Devine, Rollin Edmunds, Mandy Bottrell-Johnson, John Simmons, John Zeeb

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 7:24-27** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

The Parable of the Two Builders

²⁴"Everyone, then, who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!"

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL" (Part I of II) (Sermon series, **"Bearing Fruit,"** #11 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** "10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)" by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

Chorus

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.

Worship his holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul.

I'll worship your holy name.

Verse 1

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. (Chorus)

Verse 2

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. (Chorus)

Verse 3

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Chorus (2 times)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship your holy name.
Worship your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.
Lord, I'll worship your holy name.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Romans 12) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) We belong to one another and are to serve one another with our gifts. This beautiful vision moves beyond the Church through the one who draws the world together in love. We all belong to one another and depend upon one another. So let us give of our presence and vision, our resources and efforts, for the saving of our world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "How Firm a Foundation" by Donald Johns

***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** (Exodus 1-2, Psalm 124, Matthew 16, Roman 12) / **All** /
Led by Liturgist

O God, maker of heaven and earth, you are our help in the midst of need and danger. Bless our gifts this day, that they may find their way to those who feel hopeless and without resource. May our gifts be a sign of your hope and love, and may the people we help find their way to safety. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: "Thrive" by Matthew West and Mark Hall** / **All**

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh (repeat)

Verse 1

**Here in this worn and weary land where many a dream has died,
like a tree planted by the water, we never will run dry.**

Pre-Chorus

**So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.**

Chorus

**Just to know you and to make you known, we lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun; make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.**

Verse 2

**Into your word we're digging deep to know our father's heart.
Into the world we're reaching out to show them who you are.**

Pre-Chorus

**So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of you.
Fill our hearts and flood our souls with one desire.**

Chorus

**Just to know you and to make you known, we lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun; make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.**

Bridge (4 times)

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable, anything is possible.

Chorus

**Just to know you and to make you known, we lift your name on high.
Shine like the sun; make darkness run and hide.
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
It's time for us to more than just survive: we were made to thrive.**

Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh (repeat)

We were made to thrive.

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Genesis 22, Romans 6)

(Pastor) The God of dreams has brought us together.

(Congregation) The God of dreams sends us forth as one.

(P) The God of love has knit us together in unity.

(C) The God of love heals our divisions.

(P) The God of hope sends us forth together.

(All) The God of peace brings peace to our world. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Built on a Rock" by Jacob B. Weber

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Julie Williams, Reko Williams, Neko Williams, David Cardenas, Patrick Russell,
Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Don Larsen, Susan Reardon, Rollin Edmunds, Lee Ann Salmon,
Dean Michalka, James Herron, Eric Russler, Tom Kennedy, Christina Graves, Bob Bahnsen,
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 AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

This Week

Sunday, August 16

-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 - 9:45 am

-Family Sunday Worship with The Response; Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim's sermon:

"FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL" (Part I of II) (Sermon series, **"Bearing Fruit,"** #11 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim,
Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am

-Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am - 11 am

-Faith and Fellowship: "Cold Cuisine Potluck" (Fellowship Hall) - 11:00 am

-U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Dinner (Youth Room) - 5:00 pm

Monday, August 17

-Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) – 5:30 pm

Wednesday, August 19

-UWF “Walk About” (off campus) – 6:30 am

Thursday, August 20

-Bible Study w/Richard (Chandler Lounge) – 10:30 am

Sunday, August 23

-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) – 8:30 – 9:45 am

-Worship: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim’s sermon: **“FAITHFUL AND FRUITFUL”** (Part II of II) (Sermon series, **“Bearing Fruit,”** #12 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) – 10 am

-Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am – 11 am

-Youth Worship – 10:15 am

A New 6-week Sermon Series:

“EMBRACING ACTS OF FAITH”

Starting Sunday, August 30, 2026

Coming up soon!

New Members Welcoming Sunday will be September 27th

If you have not discussed with Pastor Kim your desire to join the church yet, please do so. Pastor Kim, (951) 683-7831, pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org or inform the church office: (951) 683-7831, secretary@firstchurchriverside.org

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