



# Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

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## Order of Worship

**August 23, 2026 10 am Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

\*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Go, Make of All Disciples" by Kevin Hildebrand / Robert Phillips, Organist

### \*TRINITY BELLS

**\*OPENING HYMN: #657** "This Is the Day" by Les Garrett / Led by Rev. Bev Devine, Hymn

Leader / **All** (Sing twice)

Leader: This is the day,

**All: this is the day**

L: that the Lord hath made,

**All: that the Lord hath made.**

L: Let us rejoice,

**All: let us rejoice**

L: and be glad in it,

**All: and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord hath made;**

**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

L: This is the day,

**All: this is the day that the Lord hath made.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Exodus 1-2) / Lisa Thomas, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Amid the forces of death and destruction,

**(People) it takes a village to save us.**

(L) Amid the rivers that would carry us out to sea,

**(P) it takes willing souls to pull us from the water.**

(L) Amid the fear and hatred in our world,

**(P) it takes ordinary people to reveal God's mercy.**

(L) Come, let us worship.

**(All) Amen!**

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

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

(Pastor) When we recognize Christ for who he really is, we find the peace and security to see ourselves for who we really are. Let us share this peace with one another as we pass the peace of Christ this day. Peace be with you!

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

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)** (Romans 8, Matthew 13)

**Loving God, thank you for calling us to worship today. Thank you for sending your Spirit to speak to and for our spirits, strengthening our weary souls and empowering us to live and serve. Send your Spirit into our worship today, that we may fully sense your presence and embrace your mysterious wisdom. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Lucinda Edmunds

**SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 6:7-10** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*Do Not Give Up*

**<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.**

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

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

**INTERLUDE:** "How Great Thou Art" by Stuart Wesley Keene Hine / Sean Lomax, soloist

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:18-20** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*The Great Commission*

**<sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

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

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #558** "We Are the Church" by Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh

**Refrain**

**I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!**

**All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!**

**Verse 1**

**The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
the church is not a resting place, the church is a people. (Refrain)**

**Verse 2**

**We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,  
all colors and all ages, too, from all times and places. (Refrain)**

**Verse 3**

**Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,  
sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning. (Refrain)**

**Verse 4**

**And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,  
there's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying: (Refrain)**

**Verse 5**

**At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit  
and told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it. (Refrain)**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Psalm 105) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) Let us share our gifts to make God's deeds known among the peoples. May our gifts and offerings glorify God and tell of Christ's wonderful works.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "Intermezzo No. 4" by Hermann Schroeder

**\*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** (Exodus 1-2, Romans 12)

**Loving God, accept our gifts as signs of our commitment to build your realm in our midst. Accept our very lives as pledges of our commitment to pursue what is good, acceptable, and perfect in your sight. May these gifts become resources to draw the endangered from the waters of death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN: #569** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" by H. Ernest Nichol / **All**

**Verse 1**

**We've a story to tell all the nations,  
that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy,  
a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.**

**Refrain**

**For the darkness shall turn to dawning,  
and the dawning to noonday bright;  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.**

**Verse 2**

**We've a song to be sung to the nations,  
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil  
and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword. (Refrain)**

**Verse 3**

**We've a message to give to the nations,  
that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us,  
and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love. (Refrain)**

**Verse 4**

**We've a Savior to show to the nations,  
who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples  
might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God. (Refrain)**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" by Robert J. Powell

**A New 6-week Sermon Series:**

**"EMBRACING ACTS OF FAITH"**

**Starting Sunday, August 30, 2026**

## *In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

Vivian Lowe, Julie Williams, Reko Williams, Neko Williams, David Cardenas, Patrick Russell, Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Ruth Martinez, 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 [secretary@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:secretary@firstchurchriverside.org), 951-683-7831, 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.

### **This Week**

#### **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

#### **Monday, August 24**

- Church Council (Zoom) - 7:00 pm

#### **Wednesday, August 26**

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 6:30 am
- The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm

#### **Saturday, August 29**

- UWF Bible Study potluck (Chandler Lounge) - 10:00 am

#### **Sunday, August 30**

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 - 9:45 am
- Pastor Kim's sermon: **"INTO THE DEEP WATER"** (New sermon series, **"Embracing Acts of Faith,"** #1 of 6) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- "The Habit"** Fundraiser, 3555 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite S-100. Must show printed flyer or show flyer on cell phone. Flyers in the Narthex. Church will earn 20% of sales. 11 am - 9 pm

## ***Coming up soon!***

### **New Members Welcoming Sunday will be September 27<sup>th</sup>**

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](mailto:pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org) or inform the church office: (951) 683-7831, [secretary@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:secretary@firstchurchriverside.org)

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