



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

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Order of Worship

August 30, 2026 10 am

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE: "Jesus Calls Us" by Dale Wood / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***OPENING HYMN: #521** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," African-American spiritual adapted and arranged by William Farley Smith / Led by Yvonne Flagg, Hymn Leader / **All**

Verse 1

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

All along my pilgrim journey,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

Verse 2

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)

In my trials, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)

When my heart is almost breaking,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

Verse 3

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me. (walk with me)

When my head is bowed in sorrow,

Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. (walk with me)

***CALL TO WORSHIP** / Led by Steve Kerrick, Liturgist

(Liturgist) Family of God, like Peter, James, and John, Jesus calls to us from the shorelines and the sidelines of life. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

(People) Yes, we will follow!

(L) Jesus calls us to work together, to build up the Body of Christ as we mature in faith. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

(P) Yes, we will follow!

(L) Jesus calls us to grow, to become disciples formed in the likeness of Christ. Will you leave everything behind and follow?

(P) Yes, we will follow!

(L) Family of God, on this journey of faith, we are not alone—God is with us!

(All) Today, we choose once again to leave everything behind and follow Christ, who forms us as disciples, that we may live as disciples who transform the world. Amen.

(Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2026.)

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Romans 12)

(Pastor) Family in faith, rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep . . . and so far, as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

–Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON)

Loving God, who surrounds us with grace, help us know your presence and receive your guidance today, that through our gathered worship, we might continue to build up the Body of Christ as we grow in maturity as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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CHILDREN’S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 4:11-16 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Equipped to Serve

¹¹He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming;

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

INTERLUDE: "Be Thou with them" by J. S. Bach / Yvonne Flagg, soloist

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 5:1-11** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the Lake of Gennesaret and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to burst. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus's knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astounded at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." "When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "INTO THE DEEP WATER" (New sermon series, *"Embracing Acts of Faith,"* #1 of 6) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #398** "Jesus Calls Us" by Cecil Frances Alexander / **All Verse 1**

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

Verse 2

As of old the apostles heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

Verse 3

Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

Verse 4

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"

Verse 5

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Exodus 3) / Liturgist

(Liturgist) God has given us blessings, both good and broad. Blessings overflowing like milk and honey. Let those blessings flow now—from our hearts and our lives—and into the world.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Here I Am, Lord" by Janet Linker

***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** (Luke 5:1-11) / Led by Liturgist

Calling Christ, you invite us away from the shallows into deep water, where trust replaces certainty, and obedience becomes joy. As we offer these gifts, we remember that discipleship is more than surface faith; it is a willingness to follow you into risk, truth, and love. Take what we bring and shape it for your purposes: to mend nets, to speak truth with compassion, and to build a community that grows into your likeness. Be with us in the boat and on the journey, as we learn, stumble, and grow. Use these offerings to draw others into the deep, life-giving grace of your kin-dom. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Steve Kerrick, Liturgist

***SENDING HYMN: #593** "Here I Am, Lord" by Dan Schutte / **All**

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

Verse 3

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (Refrain)

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me," African-American spiritual arranged by Calvin Taylor

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Linda Rydzik, Julian Cardenas, Vivian Lowe, Julie Williams, Reko Williams, Neko Williams, David Cardenas, Patrick Russell, Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Ruth Martinez, Don Larsen, Susan Reardon, Rollin Edmunds, Barbara Spencer, Gary Spencer, 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, our families, neighbors, country, and world

This Week

Sunday, August 30

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) – 8:30 – 9:45 am
- Worship: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim's sermon: **"INTO THE DEEP WATER"** (Sermon series, **"Embracing Acts of Faith,"** #1 of 6) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am – 11 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

Monday, August 31

- Outreach Committee Meeting (Zoom) – 5 pm

Tuesday, September 1

- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 pm

Wednesday, September 2

- UWF “Walk About” (off campus) – 7:30 am
- “Parents Morning Out,” Wednesdays. Contact: Christina Graves, (951) 212-5725, childrensdirector@firstchurchriverside.org (Nursery) – 9 am – 12 pm
- UWF Exec Board Meeting (Zoom) – 1 pm
- The Response Band rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 3

- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) – 7 pm

Friday, September 4

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

Sunday, September 6

- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) -- 9:15 – 9:45 am
- Worship: Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim's sermon: **"PIE-IN-THE-SKY-WHEN-YOU-DIE"** (Sermon series, **"Embracing Acts of Faith,"** #2 of 6) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
- Church and Society Meeting (Chandler Lounge) – 11:15 am
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday (Youth Room) – 5 pm

***Monday, September 7 – Labor Day Holiday – CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED**

***Sunday, September 13 – “BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY!”**

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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