



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

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Order of Worship

August 9, 2026 10 am

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

**Please stand as you are comfortable.*

PRELUDE: "Only Trust Him" by Van Denman Thompson / Robert Phillips

***TRINITY BELLS**

***OPENING HYMN: #337** "Only Trust Him" by John H. Stockton / Phil Bremenstuhl, Hymn Leader / All

Verse 1

**Come, every soul by sin oppressed,
there's mercy with the Lord;
and he will surely give you rest,
by trusting in his Word.**

Refrain:

Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.

He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.

Verse 2

**For Jesus shed his precious blood
rich blessings to bestow;
plunge now into the crimson flood
that washes bright as snow. (Refrain)**

Verse 3

**Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way
that leads you into rest;
believe in him without delay,
and you are fully blest. (Refrain)**

Verse 4

**Come then and join this holy band,
and on to glory go,
to dwell in that celestial land
where joys immortal flow.**

Refrain:

**Only trust him, only trust him, only trust him now.
He will save you, he will save you, he will save you now.**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Matthew 14) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Christ comes for us in sunshine and in the dead of night. Welcome the presence of Christ.

(People) We welcome you, O Christ! Blessed be your name!

(L) Christ reaches out to us in the stillness of peace and in the rage of the storm.

(P) Nothing overwhelms our Savior.

(L) Nothing overcomes.

(All) Our hope and trust are in you! Blessed be your name! Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Matthew 14)

(Pastor) Jesus extends the hand of peace and saving love. In this same spirit, let us share signs of Christ's peace and love with one another. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

- Sharing of Joys & Concerns

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Kings 19:1-18 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Elijah Flees from Jezebel

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."

⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." ⁸ He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹ At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

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

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

INTERLUDE: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey / Phil Bremenstuhl

***GOSPEL READING: John 15:8-17** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Abide in My Love

⁸ "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

¹⁰ "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

¹⁴ "You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "SUSTAINING FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP (Part III of III)" (Sermon series, *"Bearing Fruit,"* #10 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #368** "My Hope Is Built" by Edward Mote / **All**

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Verse 2

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)

Verse 3

His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay. (Refrain)

Verse 4

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne! (Refrain)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Genesis 37, Psalm 105)

(Liturgist) Through our struggles, God always carves out hope. Through our suffering, God always gives us gifts—gifts not just for us, but to give away. Let us be part of God's abundant grace and love through our gifts and lives.

(All) Amen!

(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offerings

OFFERTORY: "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" by Robert J. Powell

***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** (Genesis 37, Psalm 105) / Led by Liturgist

Gracious, almighty God, receive the fruit of our struggles and the pain of our suffering. Receive our lives, our whole lives, and every step on our journeys, that we might shine with your glory in all our endeavors. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #359** "Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" by Isaac Watts and Ralph Hudson (Verses 1, 2, and 5 only) / **All**

Verse 1

**Alas! and did my Savior bleed,
and did my sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?**

Refrain:

**At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day.**

Verse 2

**Was it for crimes that I have done,
he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree! (Refrain)**

Verse 5

**But drops of tears can ne'er repay
the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'tis all that I can do. (Refrain)**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE: "Carillon Toccata" by Douglas E. Wagner

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Susan Reardon, Rollin Edmunds, Lee Ann Salmon,
Dean Michalka, James Herron, Eric Russler, Tom Kennedy, Christina Graves, Bob Bahnsen,
Don Larsen, Neko Williams, David Cardenas, 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.
secretary@firstchurchriverside.org 951-683-7831

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

This Week

Sunday, August 9

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) – 8:30 am – 9:45 am
- Worship: Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost. Pastor Kim's sermon: **"SUSTAINING FRUITFUL LEADERSHIP (Part III of III)"** (Sermon series, *"Bearing Fruit,"* #10 of 12) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) – 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am

Wednesday, August 12

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) – 7:30 am
- The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:30 pm

Thursday, August 13

- UWF Lunch Bunch

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

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