



Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside

4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Order of Worship

October 25, 2026 10 am

Commitment/Pledge Sunday; Reformation Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Pastorale on 'Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing'" by Wayne L. Wold / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #110** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Martin Luther / **All** / Josh Ponnuraju, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

Verse 2

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?**

Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

Verse 3

And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

Verse 4

That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Deuteronomy 34, Psalm 90, Matthew 22) / Sarah Overton Fraser,
Liturgist

(Liturgist) Come to us, O God.

(People) Breathe through our worship with your Holy Spirit.

(L) Fill us with your faithful love.

(P) Guide us with your ancient teachings.

(L) Come to us, O God.

(All) Be in our prayer and praise. Amen!

WELCOME / Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Joel 2)

(Pastor) With dreams and visions guiding our way, let us turn to one another and pass the
peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

-Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Reformation Sunday)

Here we stand, Lord, the people you have redeemed. Here we stand, Lord, giving thanks to you, for you are good. We give thanks that your love lasts forever. We thank you that you free those who are oppressed. Here we stand, knowing that you are the one we can all cry out to for help in times of trouble. We know that you will not only deliver us, but that you will lead our way to where we need to go. Here we stand by the living water that you set flowing for all. We drink freely from your waters that gratify everyone who is thirsty, and we thank you that you also give plenty to eat for those who are hungry. Here we stand with those who reformed the church so long ago, claiming our reliance on your grace alone, anchored in Christ, and empowered by your Spirit to love our neighbors with boldness and action. Amen.

(Adapted from the Discipleship Ministries United Methodist worship planning resources for Reformation Sunday)

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen" (Dresden) / The Aldersgate Chorale

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NRSVue) / Liturgist

God Loves a Cheerful Giver

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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

(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Greet the Dawning" by Bryan Jeffery Leech and Jan Sanborn / The Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 6:38, 43-45** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

Give and It Will Be Given to You

³⁸ **"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."**

A Tree and Its Fruit

⁴³ **"No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; ⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks."**

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!

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

SERMON: "THE HILARIOUS GIVER" (Stewardship Sermon 2 of 2) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***PRESENTATION OF OUR COMMITMENT CARDS / HYMN OF DEDICATION: #368**

"My Hope Is Built" by Edward Mote and William B. Bradbury / 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
supports 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 / Liturgist

(Liturgist) As the Church, we are called to serve. Our service begins by offering our lives to Christ, and continues through the gifts we give, that the Church may continue to witness to the word of God.

(All) Amen!

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

OFFERTORY: "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" by Johann Gottfried Walther

***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 /** Led by Liturgist

We come together today with grateful hearts to offer back a portion of what you have first given us. Bless these financial pledges and our physical gifts. Help us to commit our time, our talents, and our treasures to the service of your kingdom. Give us the courage and strength to be your hands and feet in our local community and the wider world. Use these offerings, and use our very lives, to share your love, bring hope to the hurting, and bring glory to your holy name. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin

***SENDING HYMN: #400** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" by Robert Robinson / **All Verse 1**

**Come, thou Fount of every 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

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

Verse 3

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

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (1 Thessalonians 2, Matthew 22)

(Pastor) As beloved children of God,

(Congregation) let's go to bring God's love to the world.

(P) Led by the teachings of Christ,

(All) let's go to live the lessons of love, justice, and grace. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by Johann Pachelbel and Johann Gottfried Walther

In Our Hearts and Prayers:

Terry Geiger, Michael Thompson, Charles McFall Thompson, Crystal Foote, Rev. Bev Devine,
Myla Holmes, James Herron, Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Jaque Vaca, Linda Rydzik,
Christina Maddox's nephew Charlie, John McDonald, Julian Cardenas, Vivian Lowe,
Neko Williams, David Cardenas, Patrick Russell, Ruth Martinez, Don Larsen, Susan Reardon,
Rollin Edmunds, Gary Spencer, Dean Michalka, Eric Russler, Tom Kennedy, Christina Graves,
Bob Bahnsen, Virginia Bahnsen, Regan Pope, Eduardo Reyes, Tina Dungan, Lupe Vela,
Ronnie Tovar, Roger Murray, Lolita Manacop, 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, the family of Grace Reyes,
our families, neighbors, country, and world

2026-2027 All Church Conference

The Rev. Roy Riggs, Presiding Elder

All members welcome!

Sunday, November 15, 2026, 3 pm Fellowship Hall

**All committee and ministry reports are due
to the Church Office, by noon, on October 27.**

This Week

Sunday, Oct. 25

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) 9:15 am
- Worship: Commitment/Pledge Sunday; Stewardship Sermon (#2 of 2): **"THE HILARIOUS GIVER,"** by Rev. J. T. Kim (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (2nd and 4th Sundays) (Youth Room) - 10:15 am
- "The Habit" Fundraiser, 3555 Riverside Plaza Drive, Suite S-100. Must show printed flyer or show flyer on phone. Flyers in the Narthex. Church will earn 20% of sales. 11 am to 9 pm
- Small Group Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) - 5 pm

Monday, Oct. 26

- Church Council Meeting (Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 27

- Deadline for All Church Conference Forms/Reports (by 12 pm)
- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 28

- UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 8:30 am
- Parents' Morning Out (Nursery) - 9 am to 12 pm
- Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 6:30 pm
- Bible Study w/Sophie (Chandler Lounge) - 7 pm

Thursday, Oct. 29

- Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Choir Room) - 7 pm

Friday, Oct. 30

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

Sunday, Nov. 1

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 9:15 am
- Chapel Prayer (Chapel) - 9:15 am
- Worship: All Saints Sunday Sermon: **"TIME AFTER TIME"** with Holy Communion and Remembrance / Bells (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Church and Society (Chandler Lounge) - 11:15 am
- Small Group Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) - 5 pm
- U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm

Monday, Nov. 2

- Trustees (Zoom) - 7 pm
- Worship Committee (Zoom) - 7 pm

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