Sunday Worship

First United Methodist Church of Riverside
4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506

Order of Worship

November 1, 2026 10 am

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday; Holy Communion with Remembrance

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Aria on 'For All the Saints'" by David M. Cherwien / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #711** "For All the Saints" (Vss. 1, 2, 4 & 6 only) by William W. How **/ All** / Led by Kris Lovekin, Hymn Leader

Verse 1

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 2

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 4

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse 6

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 149) / Led by Greg Laird, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song.
(People) Rejoice and be glad, for the Lord reigns.
(L) Praise God with dance.
(P) Praise God with songs of adoration.
(L) For God lifts up the lowly and casts down the mighty.
(All) Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Amen!

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

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST
(Pastor) Beloved saints, we are all God's children, made one in Christ Jesus. Let us share signs of unity and love, as we share the peace of Christ with one another. Peace be with you!
(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER
Sharing of Joys and Concerns

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE: #481 "The Prayer of Saint Francis" / All
(Pastor) Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
(Congregation) where there is hatred, let me sow love;
(P) where there is injury, pardon;
(C) where there is doubt, faith;
(P) where there is despair, hope;
(C) where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.
(P) O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
(C) to be consoled as to console;
(P) to be understood, as to understand;
(C) to be loved, as to love;
(P) for it is in giving that we receive,
(C) it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
(All) and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen!
(Written by St. Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13th century, adapted from The United Methodist Hymnal)

PRAYER RESPONSE: "Amen," Dresden

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

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

Everything Has Its Time

1 For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven:
2 a time to be born and a time to die;
a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted;
3 a time to kill and a time to heal;
a time to break down and a time to build up;
4 a time to weep and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn and a time to dance;
5 a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together;
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
6 a time to seek and a time to lose;
a time to keep and a time to throw away;
7 a time to tear and a time to sew;
a time to keep silent and a time to speak;
8 a time to love and a time to hate;
a time for war and a time for peace.

The God-Given Task

9 What gain have the workers from their toil? 10 I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. 11 He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

(Liturgist) The Word of God for the people of God.
(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Sine Nomine" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arranged by Earl Rosenberg / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***GOSPEL READING: John 11:21-27** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."
23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!
(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON: "TIME AFTER TIME" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

*__HYMN OF DEDICATION: #395__ "Take Time to Be Holy" by William D. Longstaff / __All__

__Verse 1__

Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.

__Verse 2__

Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.

__Verse 3__

Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.

__Verse 4__

Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Adapted from Luke 6:24) / Liturgist
(Liturgist) God of abundant love always hears the songs of our hearts—songs of thankfulness and praise, songs of hope and expectation, songs of laughter and joy, songs of mirth and good will. Let us sing God's goodness through our offerings of ourselves and our gifts.
(Congregation) Amen!
(L) I invite the ushers to collect our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "Hymn of Promise" by John Carter

***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** (1 John 3, Matthew 5) / Liturgist
Holy One, thank you for blessing us in so many ways. Please bless our offerings: to bring your presence more fully into the world, to spread your love far and wide, to bring hope and peace where despair runs deep. In loving gratitude, we pray. Amen.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION WITH REMEMBRANCE

COLLECT
(Pastor) Timeless God, we thank you for all those before us who have kept the faith to the end. We thank you for brave souls of deathless fame, and also for those whose names are remembered only by you. Give us wisdom to understand your will, and courage to live as your people in this day, through the grace of Jesus Christ.
(All) Amen.

INVITATION
(Pastor) Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Adapted from Ephesians 1, Luke 6) / **All**
(Pastor) Merciful God, may we never forget those who sacrificed much, that we might have lives of abundance and hope.
(Congregation) When we take our many blessings for granted, forgive us.
(P) When we forget the many people who have touched and strengthened our lives with your love and Christ's wisdom, gently remind us.
(C) Guide our steps, O God, that we may walk in the ways of blessedness.
(P) Strengthen our spirits, that we may trust and follow your guidance.
(All) Amen!

SILENT PRAYER / All

WORDS OF GRACE AND PARDON
(Pastor) Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
(C) In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
(All) Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING
(Pastor) The Lord be with you.
(C) And also with you.
(P) Lift up your hearts.
(C) We lift them up to the Lord.
(P) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
(All) It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Pastor) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God of the saints, creator of heaven and earth. From the ancient dreams of Daniel to the journeys of Jesus, you have revealed your mighty presence to us. When your people ignored your dreams and visions, and when they placed their trust in earthly kings, you came to us as a Mighty King, revealing the truth and glory of your powerful love.

Through the law and prophets, through saints and sinners, you have taught us to be your people. In love and mercy, you speak truth and blessing, constantly renewing your covenant with us. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(All sing)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(Pastor) Holy are you and blessed is your holy name. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ to reveal your powerful love in the world, to show us the path of saintliness and holy living. In humility and love, with justice and power, Christ revealed your kingdom, and calls us to kingdom living, even now.

Through Christ's powerful love and endless grace, we are invited into your presence, rescued from our sins, and led on your path of justice and righteousness, that we may rejoice with the saints of your kingdom.

We, who are both saint and sinner, blessed and cursed, come to you in our joys and in our sorrows, with thanksgiving and hope, remembering how Jesus shared bread and wine, even when he faced the sinfulness of his disciples.
On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.
(All sing) Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
(Pastor) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of Bread and Cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

MEMORIAL RITUAL
(The Bell Ringers will play as the name of each person is read. A candle will be lit as a remembrance by a worship leader or a designated person. When Pastor says, "Absent from our midst," the Congregation responds by saying, ***"Present with the Lord!"****)*

(Pastor) Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

- **Ruby "Lucille" Perry** (Mother of Scott McWilliams)
- **Theodore "Jim" Conlin** (Husband of Pam Conlin)
- **Mary Bidwell** (Mother of Julia Elliott)
- **Connie Taylor** (Member who moved to Henderson, Colorado)
- **Robert "Bob" Schiffer** (Husband of Lisa Thomas)
- **William "Bill" Ashworth** (Father of Jeff Ashworth)
- **Joan Brown** (Member who moved to Atlanta, Georgia)
- **Grace Reyes** (Mother-in-law of Michiko Reyes)
- **Comfort Essien** (Mother of Josephine Essien)
- **Laura Duane Harker** (Sister of Leiann Harker)
- **Michael Thompson** (Husband of Charles McFall Thompson)
- **And all our loved ones who have gone before us.**

SILENT PRAYER FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

(Pastor) Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
(All) Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

(All sing) Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER
(Pastor) And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:
(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.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP
(Pastor) The life of Christ, living in you.
(C) The love of Christ, flowing through you.
(All) Amen!
(Pastor) Please take your Bread and Cup now here in the sanctuary or at your home.

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY: "The Celestial Banquet" by Olivier Messiaen

UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
(All) Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #707** "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth **/ All**
Verse 1
In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
Verse 2
There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Verse 3
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Psalm 149)
(Pastor) God's love surrounds us.
(Congregation) We go with God's blessing.
(P) God's joy lifts us.
(C) We go with God's blessing.
(P) God's hope nurtures us.
(All) We go with God's blessing. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord" by James H. Johnson

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Susan Vollucci, Terry Geiger, 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, the family of Michael Thompson, 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

This Week

Sunday, November 1
-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 8:45 am
-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) – 9:15 am
-Chapel Prayer (Chapel) – 9:15 am – 9:45 am
-Worship: Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost; All Saints Sunday; Holy Communion with Remembrance; Bells; Pastor J. T. Kim's sermon, **"TIME AFTER TIME"** (Sanctuary) – 10 am
-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
-Church and Society / Missions (Chandler Lounge) – 11:15 am
-Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) – 5 pm
-U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday (Youth Room) - 5 pm

Monday, November 2
-Worship Committee Meeting (Zoom) – 7 pm
-Board of Trustees Meeting (Zoom) – 7 pm

Tuesday, November 3
-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 pm

Wednesday, November 4
-UWF "Walk About" (off campus) – 8:30 am
-"Parents Morning Out," Wednesdays. Contact: Christina Graves, (951) 212-5725, childrensdirector@firstchurchriverside.org (Nursery) – 9 am - 12 pm
-The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm
-Bible Study w/Sophie (Chandler Lounge) – 7 pm

Thursday, November 5
-Bible Study w/Richard (Chandler Lounge) - 9:30 am
-Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) – 7 pm

Friday, November 6
-Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) – 7 am

Sunday, November 8
-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 8:45 am
-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) – 9:15 am
-Worship: Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost; sermon, **"AWAKE: MOVING FROM PASSIVE TO ACTIVE FAITH"**); Allegro Ringers (Sanctuary) – 10 am
-Children's Church School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
-Youth Worship (Meet in Narthex after Children's Moment) – 10:15 am
-United Methodist Men Lunch. A delicious lunch will be served; program (Fellowship Hall) – 11:30 am
-Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) – 5 pm

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