



# Sunday Worship

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

**4845 Brockton Avenue, Riverside, CA 92506**

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## Order of Worship

**October 4, 2026 10 am**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost;  
World Communion Sunday; UMC Miracle Sunday**

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**PRELUDE:** "Te Ofrecemos (Let Us Offer to the Father)" by Jeffrey Honoré / Robert Phillips,  
Organist

### **\*TRINITY BELLS**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #545** "The Church's One Foundation" by Samuel Sebastian  
Wesley (Verses 1, 4, & 5) / **All** / Led by Yvonne Flagg

#### **Verse 1**

**The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

#### **Verse 4**

**Mid toil and tribulation,  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till, with the vision glorious,  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

## Verse 5

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (Miracle Sunday) / Led by Jennifer Mahl, Liturgist  
(Liturgist) Family of God, who are you?

**(People) We are disciples, formed by Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

(L) Family of God, why do you gather?

**(P) To worship God who loves us and teaches us to love our neighbors, ourselves, and all creation.**

(L) Family of God, how do you worship God?

**(P) By loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously.**

(L) Family of God, receive this good news: in our loving, our serving, and our leading, we are not alone—God is with us!

**(All) We come to worship God by loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously in our community and through our worldwide connections, that we may be disciples of Jesus Christ 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** (Psalm 19)

(Pastor) Friends, there is no place on earth where God's glory is not proclaimed. Knowing this, let us joyfully turn to one another and proclaim 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)** (World Communion Sunday)

**O God, we join with our sisters and brothers around the world in remembering Christ's sacrifice for us. For the opportunity to eat and drink together and for the life we have received, we give you thanks and praise. In the abundance of your many gifts, grant us grace to fill one another's lives with love. Redeem, restore, and remold us until we are made new. Transform our daily bread into the bread of life, and the cup that we drink into the cup of salvation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*(Written by Barbara Dunlap-Berg, The United Methodist Book of Worship, #431, "World Communion Sunday")*

**PRAYER RESPONSE:** "Amen" (Dresden) / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Christina Graves

**SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1-8** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*The New Life in Christ*

**<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

**<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.**

**<sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.**

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

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

**ANTHEM:** "Gaudeamus Hodie (Let Us Rejoice Today)" by Natalie Sleeth / Aldersgate Chorale, Yvonne Flagg, Director

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:16-20** (NRSVue) / Liturgist

*The Great Commission*

**<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <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: "REMARKABLY FAITHFUL AND HONEST DISCIPLES"** (Sermon series, "*Embracing Acts of Faith*," #6 of 6) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION: #571** "Go, Make of All Disciples" by Leon M. Adkins

**Verse 1**

**"Go, make of all disciples."**

**We hear the call, O Lord,  
that comes from thee, our Father,  
in thy eternal Word.**

**Inspire our ways of learning  
through earnest, fervent prayer,  
and let our daily living  
reveal thee everywhere.**

**Verse 2**

**"Go, make of all disciples,"**

**baptizing in the name  
of Father, Son, and Spirit,  
from age to age the same.**

**We call each new disciple  
to follow thee, O Lord,  
redeeming soul and body  
by water and the Word.**

**Verse 3**

**"Go, make of all disciples."**

**We at thy feet would stay  
until each life's vocation  
accents thy holy way.**

**We cultivate the nature  
God plants in every heart,  
revealing in our witness  
the master teacher's art.**

**Verse 4**

**"Go, make of all disciples."**

**We welcome thy command.**

**"Lo, I am with you always."**

**We take thy guiding hand.**

**The task looms large before us;**

**we follow without fear;**

**in heaven and earth thy power**

**shall bring God's kingdom here.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Philippians 3) / Liturgist

In our effort to know Christ, we realize how much God has given to us. May we offer a portion of our gifts to God in thanksgiving and praise for all we have been given.

**(All) Amen!**

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

**OFFERTORY:** "A Va De (Come, Let Us Eat)" by Frank Ferko

**\*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** (Matthew 28:16-20) / Led by Liturgist  
**Commissioning Christ, you meet us on the mountain where worship and doubt  
share the same ground. You call us not because we are certain, but because you  
are faithful. As we offer these gifts, we offer ourselves— our questions and our  
courage, our fears and our hopes. Use what we bring to form disciples, to teach  
with humility, to baptize with joy, and to share a song of grace that reaches every  
nation. Send us where you will, trusting your promise to be with us always. Shape  
this offering into witness and welcome, so that love may be known, community may  
be formed, and the world may be changed through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*(Adapted from the 6-week worship resources of "Embracing an Adverbial Faith," by Discipleship  
Ministries of The United Methodist Church)*

## **HOLY COMMUNION (2026 World Communion Sunday)**

**UNISON PRAYER** (WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY) / All (Led by Rev. J. T. Kim)  
**As we gather at your table from all over the world, O God, we pray that all those  
who come to you in the name of Christ might be one in Spirit. Knead us together in  
one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and  
service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest  
peace, through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Rev. J. T. Kim) The Lord be with you.

**(Congregation) And also with you.**

(Rev. Kim) Lift up your hearts.

**(C) We lift them up to the Lord.**

(Rev. Kim) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**(All) It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

(Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader) It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to  
give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one  
every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. 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.**

(Rev. Bev Devine) Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

(Rev. Kim) 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."

(Rev. Devine) 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."

(Kris Lovekin) 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.**

(Rev. Kim) Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. 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.

(Kris Lovekin) Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. 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.

(Rev. Devine) Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

**(All sing)**

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

(Rev. Devine) 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.**

## **GIVING & SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

(Kris Lovekin) Please be assured that, as United Methodists, our congregation uses 100% grape juice for our communion element. Moreover, our church has an Open Table tradition—meaning that, regardless of your faith background, everyone is invited to come forward and take communion elements. Everyone is invited and everyone is welcome! Now, for those who are here in person, you have three options: (1) You can take the communion in a traditional way. Take a piece of Bread and dip it into the Cup, then eat it. (2) Or you can simply take a “Fellowship Cup,” which includes both elements, from the basket and eat it in your seat. It’s your choice. (3) If desired, you may take a “Gluten Free Fellowship Cup” from the special basket.

For those who are at home, via online or telephone, please take your own Bread and Cup now.

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:** “Supplication from Japan and Meditation from China” by Roberta Bitgood

**UNISON PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION / All** (Led by Rev. Kim)

**(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: #2260** “Let Us Be Bread” by Thomas Porter (2 times)

**Let us be bread, blessed by the Lord,  
broken and shared, life for the world.  
Let us be wine, love freely poured.  
Let us be one in the Lord.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** “Siyahamba (We Are Marching in the Light of God)” by John A. Behnke

### *In Our Hearts and Prayers:*

Myla, Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Jaque Vaca, Christina Maddox’s nephew Charlie, Linda Rydzik, John McDonald, Julian Cardenas, Vivian Lowe, Julie Williams, Reko Williams, Neko Williams, David Cardenas, Patrick Russell, Ruth Martinez, Don Larsen, Susan Reardon, Rollin Edmunds, Gary Spencer, Lee Ann Salmon, Dean Michalka, James Herron, 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

**Next Sunday! October 11, 2026**

**New Members Welcoming Sunday!**

**If you have not discussed with Pastor Kim your desire to join the church yet, please do so. Pastor Kim, (951) 683-7831, [pastorjtkime@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:pastorjtkime@firstchurchriverside.org) or inform the church office: (951) 683-7831, [secretary@firstchurchriverside.org](mailto:secretary@firstchurchriverside.org)**

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, October 4**

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 - 9:45 am
- Chapel Prayer - 9:15 am
- Worship: "World Communion Sunday"; "UMC Miracle Sunday" (Special offering to support UMC Missionaries and Pastors in training); Sermon: **"REMARKABLY FAITHFUL AND HONEST DISCIPLES"** (Sermon series, **"Embracing Acts of Faith,"** #6 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 Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm
- Small Group Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) - 5 pm - 6 pm

**Monday, October 5**

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

**Tuesday, October 6**

- Allegro Ringers rehearsal (MPR) - 7 pm

**Wednesday, October 7**

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

**Thursday, October 8**

- Bible Study w/Richard (Chandler Lounge) - 9:30 am
- UWiF Lunch Bunch (off campus) - 11 am
- Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) - 7 pm

**Friday, October 9**

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

**Sunday, October 11**

- Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 - 9:45 am
- Worship: Stewardship Sunday; Farewell to Donna Woodard; Welcoming New Members Celebration; Sermon: **"THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER"** (Stewardship Sermon 1 of 2) / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
- Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
- Youth Worship (upstairs, Youth Room) - 10:15 am
- UMM Lunch Program (Fellowship Hall) - 11:15 am
- Small Group Bible Study w/Lucinda (Zoom) - 5 pm - 6 pm

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