# Sunday Worship

**First United Methodist Church of Riverside**

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

## Order of Worship

**November 15, 2026 10 am**

**Family Sunday with The Response Praise Band**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

**PRELUDE:** "Pastorale on 'Take My Life and Let It Be'" by Brenda Portman / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***INTROIT:** "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple" by C. Albert Scholin / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 123, Matthew 25) / Byron Traylor, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Raise your eyes to the God of heaven and earth.
**(People) We raise our hearts and voices with songs of praise.**
(L) Awaken your mind to the mysteries of God.
**(P) We open ourselves to listen and learn in new ways.**
(L) Notice your blessings and gifts, miraculously given by God.
**(All) We offer our lives and gifts to bless and grow God's love in the world. Amen!**

***OPENING HYMN:** "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin, John Newton, and Louie Giglio / Led by The Response **/ All**

**Verse 1**

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound**
**that saved a wretch like me.**
**I once was lost, but now I'm found,**
**was blind but now I see.**

**Verse 2**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,**
**and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear,**
**the hour I first believed.**

**Chorus**

**My chains are gone. I've been set free.**
**My God, my Savior has ransomed me.**
**And like a flood his mercy rains,**
**unending love, amazing grace.**

**Verse 3**

**The Lord has promised good to me;**
**his word my hope secures.**
**He will my shield and portion be,**
**as long as life endures.**

**Chorus**

**My chains are gone. I've been set free.**
**My God, my Savior has ransomed me.**
**And like a flood his mercy rains,**
**unending love, amazing grace.**

**Verse 4**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,**
**the sun forbear to shine.**
**But God, who called me here below,**
**will be forever mine,**
**will be forever mine.**
**You are forever mine.**

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (1 Thessalonians 5)
(Leader) Let us continue encouraging one another and building one another up as we share signs of peace and love together this day. Peace be with you!
**(All) Peace be with you!**

**THE CHURCH AT PRAYER**

- Sharing of joys and concerns

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church** (Community Litany Version, 2025-2028)

(Pastor) God of Grace, you have called us to live out our faith through social holiness in a complex world. We stand united in Christ, seeking to be instruments of your love and justice.
**(Congregation) Direct our hearts, O God, to live out your gospel.**
(Pastor) We look out at the Community of All Creation. We acknowledge that all creation belongs to you, and we are called to be faithful stewards of the earth, its ecosystems, and all its living creatures.
**(Congregation) Guard us from abusing your earth, and help us pursue ecological justice for all.**
(Pastor) We look out at the Economic Community. We profess that all we are and all we possess belong to you, demanding that resources, fair labor, and access to basic human needs are distributed equitably.
**(Congregation) Deliver us from the sin of systemic poverty, and guide us to build a sustainable world.**
(Pastor) We look out at the Social Community. We affirm that every human being is made in your image, possessed of sacred worth, and designed to live in diverse, mutually supportive relationships.
**(Congregation) Strengthen us to uphold civil rights, protect human dignity, and turn strangers into friends.**
(Pastor) We look out at the Political Community. We pray for structures and nations that honor basic human freedoms, protect the vulnerable, and pursue international cooperation over conflict.
**(All) Grant wisdom to world leaders, and make us persistent peacemakers in our neighborhoods and across the globe. Amen.**

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

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT** / Lucinda Edmunds

**INTERLUDE:** "Morning Has Broken" by Eleanor Farjeon / The Response

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30** (NRSVue) / Liturgist
*The Parable of the Talents*
**14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. 17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.**
**20 Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.'**
**21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been**

**trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [22] And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' [23] His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' [24] Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, [25] so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26] But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? [27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. [29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"**
(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!
**(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!**

**ANTHEM:** "Care for Creation" by Pepper Choplin / The Aldersgate Chorale, directed by Yvonne Flagg

**SERMON: "PLAYING IT SAFE VS. STEPPING OUT"**/ The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #2158** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" by Anonymous
**<u>Verse 1</u>**
**I am weak, but thou art strong;**
**Jesus, keep me from all wrong;**
**I'll be satisfied as long**
**as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**
**Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee,**
**grant it, Jesus, is my plea,**
**daily walking close to thee:**
**Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**<u>Verse 2</u>**
**Through this world of toil and snares,**
**if I falter, Lord, who cares?**
**Who with me my burden shares?**
**None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. (Refrain)**
**<u>Verse 3</u>**
**When my feeble life is o'er,**
**time for me will be no more;**

**guide me gently, safely o'er**
**to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.**

**Refrain:**
**Just a closer walk with thee,**
**grant it, Jesus, is my plea,**
**daily walking close to thee:**
**Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**
**Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**
**Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** (Matthew 25) / Liturgist
(Liturgist) One talent or ten, one dollar or a million, every gift matters to God and to our church. In this time of offering, let's reflect on the myriad ways in which God invites us to share ourselves and our gifts.
**(All) Amen!**
(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offerings.

**OFFERTORY:** "What God Ordains Is Always Good" by Johann Gottfried Walther

***OFFERING SONG:** "As We Seek Your Face"/ "Jesus, Draw Me Close" by Dave Bilbraugh and Rick Founds **/ All** / Led by Rev. Bev Devine
**As we seek your face, may we know your heart;**
**feel your presence, acceptance, as we seek your face.**
**Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.**
**Let the world around me fade away.**
**Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to you.**
**For I desire to worship and obey.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** (1 Thessalonians 5, Matthew 25) **/ ALL** / Led by Liturgist
**God of mystery and miracles, bless the gifts and lives we offer to you today with your miraculous abundance and your mysterious guidance. Transform these gifts and lives to be instruments of your love, justice and mercy, that they might bring your realm to earth. Amen.**

**LAITY BLESSINGS** / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN:** "All the People Said Amen" by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan, and Paul Moak
**<u>Verse 1</u>**
**You are not alone if you are lonely.**
**When you feel afraid, you're not the only.**

**We are all the same, in need of mercy,**
**to be forgiven and be free.**
**It's all you got to lean on,**
**but thank God it's all you need.**

**Chorus**

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)**
**And all the people said amen.**
**Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.**
**And all the people said amen.**

**Verse 2**

**If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.**
**Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.**
**We're all broken, but we're all in this together.**
**God knows we stumble and fall,**
**and He so loved the world**
**He sent His son to save us all.**

**(Chorus)**

**Bridge**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.**
**Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.**
**Blessed are the people hungry for another start,**
**for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.**

**Chorus**

**And all the people said amen. (whoa)**
**And all the people said amen.**
**Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.**
**And all the people said amen.**

**Tag: And all the people said amen.**

***BENEDICTION** / The Rev. J. T. Kim

**POSTLUDE:** "Toccata on 'Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun'" by Joel Raney

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,

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Sunday, November 15**

-Small Group Bible Study w/Brent Levine (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am to 9:45 am
-Worship: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Family Sunday with The Response Praise Band; Sermon, **"PLAYING IT SAFE VS. STEPPING OUT"**/ The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) – 10 am
-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
-Faith and Fellowship (Fellowship Hall) – 11:15 am
-U.P.L.I.F.T. Youth Sunday Dinner (Youth Room) – 5 pm
-Small Group Bible Study w/Lucinda Edmunds (Zoom or Chandler Lounge) – 5 pm to 6:15 pm

**Monday, November 16**

-Finance Committee Meeting (Zoom) – 5:30 pm

**Tuesday, November 17**

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

**Wednesday, November 18**

-UWF "Walk About" (off campus) – 8:30 am
-Parents Morning Out (Nursery) – 9:00 am
-The Response rehearsal (Sanctuary) – 6:30 pm

**Thursday, November 19**

-Aldersgate Chorale rehearsal (Music Room) – 7 pm

**Friday, November 20**

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

**Sunday, November 22**

-Small Group Bible Study w/Brent Levine (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am to 9:45 am
-Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday / Thanksgiving Sunday; Sermon: **"GRATITUDE: THE FINAL MIRACLE"**/ The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) – 10 am
-Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) – 10:15 am
-Youth Worship (Youth Room) – 10:15 am
-Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary) – 11:15 am

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