Sunday Worship

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

November 22, 2026 10 am

Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday; Thanksgiving Sunday

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Variations on 'O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing'" by Paul Bouman / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #694** "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" by Henry Alford **/ All** / Led by Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

Verse 1
Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

Verse 2
All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Verse 3
For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

Verse 4
Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Deuteronomy 8, Psalm 65) / Rev. Beverly Devine, Liturgist
(Liturgist) Let us shout for joy and break out in song!
(People) Yet, even in the silence, God hears our praise.
(L) In the mornings and evenings,
(P) we praise God's name in jubilant song and quiet prayer.
(L) Our thankfulness can never outweigh God's abundance.
(All) Let us give thanks for all God has given. Praise the Lord! Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Ezekiel 34, Ephesians 1)
(Pastor) God loves us with a tenderness that can heal the deepest wounds in our souls. Christ offers us shelter in green pastures and leads us beside still waters. The Spirit offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Let our hearts rejoice this day, as we turn to our neighbors and share the peace of our shepherd. Peace be with you!
(All) Peace be with you!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER
- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Deuteronomy 8, Psalm 65)
Eternal One, we praise you for the lavish love you provide us. Love, experienced through the abundance of the earth, meets our every need. As we gather this morning in worship, hear the thanks in our hearts and on our lips. We praise your almighty name. Amen!

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (NRSVue) / Liturgist
Remember the Lord Your God Who Gives You Power
7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, 8 a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, 9 a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. 10 You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.
11 Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. 12 When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them 13 and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, 14 then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, 15 who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. 16 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. 17 Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." 18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.
(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!
(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Give Him Glory!" by Chris Anderson and Richard A. Nichols / The Aldersgate Chorale

***GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19** (NRSVue) / Liturgist
Jesus Cleanses Ten Men with a Skin Disease
11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria
and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached
him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy
on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the
priests." And as they went, they were made clean.
15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God
with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he
was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the
other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?"
19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."
(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!
(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON: "GRATITUDE: THE FINAL MIRACLE" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION: #57** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" by Charles Wesley
(Verses 1, 2, 3, & 7 only)
Verse 1
O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

Verse 2
My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Verse 3
Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

Verse 7
In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and own that love is heaven.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (2 Corinthians 9) / Led by Liturgist
(Liturgist) God loves a cheerful giver. Since God has blessed us abundantly, may we return abundantly back to God through our thanks, praise, and gifts.
(All) Amen!
(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "Now Thank We All Our God" by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

***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 25) / Led by Liturgist
Gentle Shepherd, may the gifts we bring this day be nourishment for a hungry world, clothing and shelter for those in need, and compassion for those who are hurting. Bless these offerings, that they may help those in need. With gratitude, we pray. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #2036 "Give Thanks"** by Henry Smith **/ All**
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.
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give thanks to the Holy One,
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And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."
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let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."
(REPEAT ALL)
Ending: Give thanks!

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Psalm 100, Ephesians 1)
(Pastor) My sisters and brothers in Christ: Leave this place with thankful hearts.
(Congregation) We will make a joyful noise to our God.
(P) Bring shouts and laughter to the world.
(C) We will sparkle with eyes enlightened.
(P) Proclaim the tender mercies of our God.
(All) We will share the good news with all. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" by Alan Bullard

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Daryl Salmon, Rose (daughter of Milli), Chuck Campbell, Frank Baeza, Vanessa Quintana, Susan Vollucci, Terry Geiger, Charles McFall Thompson, Crystal Foote, Rev. Bev Devine, Myla Holmes, James Herron, Isaiah Whisner, Cynthia Diaz, Jaque Vaca, Linda Rydzik, John McDonald, Christina Maddox's nephew Charlie, Julian Cardenas, Vivian Lowe, Neko Williams, David Cardenas, Patrick Russell, 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

THE WEEK AHEAD AT FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 22
-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am
-Worship: Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday; Sermon: **"GRATITUDE: THE FINAL MIRACLE"** / 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, 2nd and 4th Sundays) - 10:15 am
-Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary) - 11:15 am
-Friendsgiving Dinner and Fellowship (upstairs, Youth Room) - 5 pm

Monday, November 23
-Parking Lot Striping (No parking all day) - Whole campus
-Preschool closed all week for Thanksgiving
-Church Council Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

Tuesday, November 24
-Parking Lot Striping (No parking all day) - Whole campus
-Preschool closed all week for Thanksgiving
-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (MPR) - 7 pm

Wednesday, November 25
-UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 8:30 am
-Preschool closed all week for Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 26
-Thanksgiving Day - Church campus closed - Happy Thanksgiving!
-Preschool closed all week for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27
-Preschool closed all week for Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 29
-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am
-Worship: First Sunday of Advent (HOPE); **SERMON: "SHOWING UP AS HOPE"** / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor (Sanctuary) - 10 am
-Children's Sunday School (Club Ark and Nursery) - 10:15 am
-Christmas Brunch (Fellowship Hall) - 11:25 am
-Worm Harvest Event (Patio) - 1 pm

2026 Advent Study
Via Zoom - Wednesdays at 7 pm
(December 2, 9, 16, and 23)

Please sign up: (951) 683-7831 or pastorjtkim@firstchurchriverside.org
Copies of the textbook, "Advent Can Still Change the World,"
written by Josh Scott and published by Abingdon Press (2026),
are available at the office for your convenience.
The book is free but a $20 donation is appreciated to cover the cost.

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