Sunday Worship

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

November 8, 2026 10 am Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

*Please stand as you are comfortable.

PRELUDE: "Variations on 'Rejoice, the Lord Is King'" by Charles Callahan / Robert Phillips, Organist

***TRINITY BELLS**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #715** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" by Charles Wesley **/ All** / Led by Steve Kerrick, Hymn Leader

Verse 1
Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Verse 2
Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Verse 3
His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Verse 4
Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Joshua 24, Psalm 78, 1 Thessalonians 4) / Led by Loretta Cudney, Liturgist
(Liturgist) The God of our ancestors has called us here.
(People) We are witnesses.
(L) The wisdom of the ages has called us here.
(P) We are witnesses.
(L) The choice to follow God has called us here.
(P) We are witnesses.
(L) The Lord of life has called us here.
(All) We are witnesses. Amen!

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

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** (Joshua 24, Matthew 25)
(Pastor) True peace is found when we choose life and follow God. True wisdom is found when we choose to wait for Christ, even when the hour is late. Turn to one another and share the deep peace and healing wisdom found in choosing God this day. Peace be with you!
(All) Peace be with you!

HONORING OUR VETERANS

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER
- Sharing of Joys and Concerns

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (UNISON) (Joshua 24, Psalm 78, Matthew 25) / All / Led by Pastor
Promise of the ages, we come to you this day to choose the ways of life. Grant us patience in our waiting, as we watch for signs of your coming kingdom. We will teach our children your ways, and pass on the lessons of life and death we have learned. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT / Christina Graves

INTERLUDE: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" by Jason W. Krug / The Allegro Ringers, directed by Gayla Lonsbery

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 5:15-17 (NRSVue) / Liturgist
Making the Most of the Time
15 Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, 16 making the most of the time, because the days are evil. 17 So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.
(Liturgist) This is the word of God for the people of God!
(All) Thanks be to God! Amen!

ANTHEM: "Be Still, My Soul" by Jean Sibelius, arranged by Dan Bird / The Aldersgate Chorale, with Jeff Benedict playing soprano saxophone

***GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:1-13** (NRSVue) / Liturgist
The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
(Liturgist) This is the Gospel of Christ!
(All) Glory to you, O Christ! Amen!

SERMON: "KEEP AWAKE: MOVING FROM PASSIVE TO ACTIVE FAITH" / The Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

***HYMN OF DEDICATION:** #356 "When We Are Living," anonymous lyric with additional stanzas by Roberto Escamilla / All
<u>Verse 1</u>
When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Verse 2
Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Verse 3
'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.

Verse 4
Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.
We belong to God, we belong to God.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING (Matthew 25) / Led by Liturgist
(Liturgist) Whether wise or foolish, everyone needs oil for their lamps, food for their tables, and love for their lives. Let us share the bounty we have received, that no one may be left alone in the dark.
(All) Amen!
(Liturgist) I invite the ushers to receive our offerings.

OFFERTORY: "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" 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** (Joshua 24) **/ All** / Led by Liturgist
We dedicate these gifts to you, Eternal One, as symbols of our choice to follow you. Receive these gifts of love as celebrations of your presence in our lives. Hold us to our promises, that we might share your blessings and wisdom with the world. Amen.

LAITY BLESSINGS / Kris Lovekin, Lay Leader

***SENDING HYMN: #722** "I Want to Be Ready," African-American spiritual

Refrain:

I want to be ready, I want to be ready,
I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem just like John.

Verse 1

O John, O John, what did you say?
Walk in Jerusalem just like John!
That you'd be there on judgment day.
Walk in Jerusalem just like John! (Refrain)

Verse 2

John said the city was just foursquare.
Walk in Jerusalem just like John!
And he declared he'd meet me there.
Walk in Jerusalem just like John. (Refrain)

Verse 3

Now sinners, mind how you step on the cross.
Walk in Jerusalem just like John!
Your foot might slip and your soul get lost.
Walk in Jerusalem just like John! (Refrain)

***RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION** (Joshua 24, Matthew 25)
(Pastor) Choose God this day, and keep your lamps lit.
(Congregation) We go with hearts ablaze with God's love.
(P) Choose God this day, and shine with God's light.
(C) We go with lives kindled with the call to serve.
(P) Choose God this day and enter into fullness of life.
(All) We go to embrace the life we have received. Amen!

POSTLUDE: "Postlude on Two Spirituals ("Go Down, Moses" and "I Want to Be Ready")" by Charles Callahan

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

This Week

Sunday, November 8
-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am
-Allegro Ringers rehearse/perform (Sanctuary) - 8:45 am
-Worship: Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost; Sermon: **"KEEP AWAKE: MOVING FROM PASSIVE TO ACTIVE FAITH"**/ 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
-UMM Lunch Program (Fellowship Hall) - 11:15 am

Tuesday, November 10
-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (MPR) - 7 pm
-SPRC Meeting (Zoom) - 7 pm

Wednesday, November 11
-VETERANS DAY - WHOLE CHURCH CAMPUS CLOSED, INCLUDING PRESCHOOL
-UWF "Walk About" (off campus) - 7 am

Thursday, November 12
-Bible Study w/Richard (Chandler Lounge) - 9:30 am
-Aldersgate Chorale (Music Room) - 7 pm

Friday, November 13
-Men's Prayer Breakfast (Mary's Kitchen) - 7 am

Sunday, November 15
-Bible Study w/Brent (Chandler Lounge) - 8:30 am
-Allegro Ringers rehearsal (Sanctuary) - 8:45 am
-Worship: Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost; Family Sunday with The Response; 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
-All Church Conference (Fellowship Hall) - 3 pm
-Youth U.P.L.I.F.T. Dinner (Youth Room) - 5 pm
-Small Group Bible Study w/Lucinda - 5 pm

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