

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

August 18, 2019 ~ 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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\* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.

# The Church in the Wildwood

# Songs of the Faith

a series of sermons about our favorite hymns

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

\* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## WE GATHER

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*A Living Prayer*

by Allison Krauss

CALL TO WORSHIP

You awaken the sun, O God, to guide us into the new day:

**Your name, O God, like your praise, sings in every person.**

You speak your Word, O God, to guide us into your kingdom:

**Your hope, O God, like your joy, echoes in every soul.**

You guide us to those who are looking for you:

**Your love, O God, like your name, fills the emptiness of every heart.**

\* HYMN 276

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

You know how stubborn we can be, Holy God. You call us to serve others, and we stay in the coolness of our own homes. You would send us to where the hopeless live, but we are reluctant to leave the comfort of our complacency. You would feed us on the peace and joy of your word, but we pull our chairs up to the tables of those who serve false promises. Forgive us, Guiding God. Transform our defiance into discipleship, and our rejection of others into the resurrection of welcoming all people as sisters and brothers in Christ. Help us to love as faithfully as you have always loved us, and send us forth to take the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone we meet. (Silent prayers)

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD’S GRACE

\* SUNG RESPONSE

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.  
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WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 48 & 1 Kings 8 selected verses

MEDITATION

367 The Church in the Wildwood

\* HYMN

1. There's a church in the val - ley by the wild - wood,  
 2. Oh, come to the church in the wild - wood,  
 3. How sweet on a clear Sun - day morn - ing,  
 4. From the church in the val - ley by the wild - wood,

No love - li - er spot in the dale; No  
 To the trees where the wild flow - ers bloom; Where the  
 To list to the clear ring - ing bell; Its  
 When day fades a - way in - to might, I would

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Church in the Wildwood'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are provided below the notes. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn.

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place is so dear to my child - hood As the  
 part - ing hymn will be chant - ed, We will  
 tones so sweet - ly are call - ing, Oh,  
 fain from this spot of my child - hood Wing my

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CHORUS

lit - tle brown church in the vale.  
 weep by the side of the tomb.  
 come to the church in the vale.  
 way to the man - sions of light. Oh,

9

come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come,  
 Come to the church in the

11

wild - wood, Oh, come to the church in the  
 come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come,

13

vale; No spot is so dear to my  
 come, come, come;

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child - hood As the lit - tle brown church in the vale.

## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

arr. Schrader

\* SUNG RESPONSE

### 609 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical score for the hymn "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow". The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is accompanied by guitar chords indicated above the staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## WE DEPART

\* HYMN 438

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

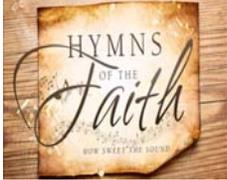
\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Allegro assai* (Sonata in D)

Haydn

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS** — Reverend Jackson is preaching on your favorite hymns; we will learn the story behind their authorship, sing them and learn about their theological content. 8/18 The Church in the Wildwood; 9/1 When at this Table; 9/8 I Danced in the Morning

**GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS**— We’re fast approaching the dedication date for the Glory to God hymnals! To support the music ministry, please sponsor one (or more) in honor or in memory of a friend or family member. What a nice way to thank someone for their dedication to RPC! Forms are available outside the office or you may email Lynda Nadkarni at [lmn@floros.org](mailto:lmn@floros.org) for online ordering/payment instructions. The ordering deadline is September 8.

### **OKTOBERFEST!**

Our Fall fundraising Oktoberfest is coming up on Saturday, September 14 from 3 pm to 8 pm on the lawn at RPC. There will be beer, brats, hot dogs, games, raffles and a silent auction. Stay tuned for further details in the next few weeks. We are seeking donations of gift cards from local shops of all sorts (restaurants, candy, pet items, grooming or other services, etc.) to help us make up our raffle baskets. Talk to Ellen for ideas so we can avoid duplicates. A big “Danke Schoën!” if you can help us out!

**HUMAN SCENE** — Please join us for Human Scene from 9-10 am in the Parlor each Sunday. The current discussion topic is the Book of Ecclesiastes.



**FALL PICNIC – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8** – It’s time to celebrate the return of Sunday School and Youth Group with an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship immediately following worship. We will be grilling hot dogs, rain or shine, and if the weather permits, eating outside. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair or blanket.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — DONATION OF THE MONTH** for **August**: Canned meats such as Vienna sausages and canned chicken or tuna. Financial donations are always appreciated. The Little Food Pantry is changing lives. Thank you for your help!

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** — If you have garden flowers, please consider choosing a Sunday to provide flowers for our sanctuary. Contact the church office to make arrangements.

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAYS** — RPC Trustees invite everyone to All Church Work Days — actually just 2 hours per month — to help maintain and enhance our church property. **Saturday, September 21, 9-11 am:** Outdoor or indoor tasks.



**SAVE THE DATE — October 25:** Trivia—Halloween Theme

**CARERS CORNER AUGUST – THE BOULEVARD** — Homeless people temporarily live at The Boulevard while recuperating from illness or injury. When residents complete their recovery, they are assisted in obtaining full independence. Fill the trunk with brand new items to get them started. **Personal items:** Toothpaste/Toothbrush, Chap Stick, Deodorant, Sanitary wipes (flushable), Shampoo, Shower shoes, Towels (prefer white) **Men’s and Women’s wearable items:** (Adult sizes S, M, L) Socks, T-Shirts (white or novelty) and Pajamas.

**WOMEN’S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** — meets **Wednesday, August 28** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome. Come for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss “*Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*” by Eugenia Anne Gamble. What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a “love letter” from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. Lesson One led by Elizabeth Musick. Scripture: Exodus 20:1-6 and Matthew 22:34-37.

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** — The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to noon and closed on Fridays through Labor Day.

**PARK BENCH DEDICATION HONORING KARENA MENDOZA** — Please join us in celebrating Karena Mendoza's life. Karena was an artist in residence at the Riverside Presbyterian Church, loved by many in our community for her creative gifts and talents, and a bright and beautiful light. We honor her memory dedicating a park bench in her memory with tea party to follow. The bench dedication ceremony will be led by Alison Brookins in the park overlooking Swan Pond across the street from RPC at 1 pm on Sunday, August 25. The tea will follow at RPC. 116 Barrypoint Rd, Riverside, IL 60546

**2020 CHURCH TRIP June 12-June 24, 2020** — Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Blue Mosque and Haga Sofia in Istanbul? How about floating around in the Aegean Sea, stopping at Santorini, considered the most breathtaking of the Greek Isles, and several other islands? Or walking among the ruins of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens? You can do all that as well as walk in the towns that inspired Paul’s letters and visit the cave where John was said to have received the Revelation. For more information, talk to Reverend Jackson.

**RINGERS AND SINGERS — FIRST REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18**

Since 2006 RPC has been home to two children’s choirs: The Riverside Ringers and the Riverside Singers. These groups are led by Sandra Kappmeyer, Sally Sloane and Donna Ulrich on a volunteer basis. We meet each Wednesday during the school year from 4:15 – 5:15. Children from ages 5 – 12 are welcome to join our group. No RPC affiliation is necessary and there are no fees! We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Much of our music follows the liturgical church year and we include brief lessons on scripture. Many children from this group have gone on to ring with our pre-professional handbell ensemble, The acaBELLa Ringers. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us [musikhse@comcast.net](mailto:musikhse@comcast.net) or 708-822-0655.

**CHOIR NEWS** —The first rehearsal for both adult choirs will be Wednesday, September 4. Bells – we will be polishing before we rehearse. Chancel – we will be singing on September 8 for worship. See you then! -- Sally

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

**September 8**-The Boy Teacher; **September 15**- The House on the Rock;  
**September 22**- The Sower; **September 29**- No Sunday School



**YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE**

**September 8**—Jr. High 9 am; **September 8**—Sr. High 11:30 am;  
**September 22**—Jr. High 9 am; **September 22**—Sr. High 11:30 am

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia

**Monday**

5:15 pm Volleyball

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum

**Wednesday**

7:00 pm Session Meeting

**Thursday**

6:30 am Women's Forum

**Sunday**

9:00 am Human Scene  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:15 am Mission Committee Meeting  
3:00 pm The Boulevard

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Liturgist:** Charlie Juister

**Ushers:** Steve Marcus and Paula McCracken

**Fellowship Time** is hosted by the Juister family.

**Flowers** are given by Mike and Gwen Heine in honor of Leanne Heine Solish's birthday.

**Trustees of the Month:** Thom DeVries, Patti Perry and Brad Staibus.

**Thank you** to Mary Ann Sadilek, Sandy Kappmeyer and Bryan Zander for joining today's Ministry of Music.

**2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

Elders

2019	2020	2021
Jeanine Buttimer	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine
Patti Friend	Martha Heine	Allan Halline
Susan Lynch	Lynda Nadkarni	Matt Lisle
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Dennis Zander	
	Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session	

Deacons

Ellen Hamilton	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer	Charlie Juister	Serina Ranft
Steve Teune	Sally Sloane	Wendy Seifert
	Jeanne Smith	

Trustees

Susan Deems-Dluhy	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries
Cyril Friend	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell
Fred Kitch	Hank Vogel	
Brad Staibus		

**Mission Statement**

We gather as a church to:  
Celebrate God's presence,  
Nurture the Spiritual Life,  
Carry the light of Christ into the world,  
Serve God by serving others.

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