

Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 15, 2020 ~ Third Sunday of Lent

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare for children through preschool is available upstairs.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.

Seasons:

Journeying through the Year

God, bless to me the new day,
Never vouchsafed to me before:
It is to bless your own presence
You have given me this time, O God.

Bless to me my eye.
May my eye bless all it sees;
I will bless my neighbor,
May my neighbor bless me.

God, give me a clean heart,
Let me not from sight of your eye;
Bless me to my children and my spouse,
And bless to me my means
and my possessions.

-Carmina Gadelica, I, 159



WE PREPARE

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

Antienne

Gigout

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We wake up in the morning
and see the sunrise:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

We are warmed by the sun;
the rain cleanses all creation:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

We watch the moon light up the night,
we fall asleep to the lullabies of the stars:

how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

* HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

We admit that we always find the time to fill our stomachs, God of every moment, but not our souls. We spend hours watching television, but not the wonders of Your creation. We arrange outings with our friends, yet ignore Your invitation to sit and talk. We make resolutions to change every aspect of our lives, except for that which

pertains to You.

Forgive us, God of Glory, and make us new. In the moments to come this year, remind us that if there is a time for everything, than we do have those moments for grace, for hope, for joy, for a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SUNG RESPONSE 702 VERSE 1

Christ Be Beside Me



WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

Children through fifth grade may leave for Sunday School

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 104:16-23
Ecclesiastes 3:1-18

MEDITATION

* HYMN 680

Soft Rains of Spring Flow



WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *Propter magnam gloriam* from Gloria Vivaldi
 Propter magnam gloriam tuam
 For all thy great glory, Oh Lord God

* SUNG RESPONSE 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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 543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Irish Blessing* Bacak

POSTLUDE *Ricercare* Frescobaldi



PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Charlie Juister

Ushers: Deb Pike and Claire Gangware

Sunday School Teachers: Susan and Bryan Zander

Flowers: Happy Birthday to our daughter Lauren love Mom, Dad and brother Trey.

Fellowship Time is hosted by Ellen Hamilton.

Trustees of the Month: Brad Staubus and Henry Vogel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent & Easter Schedule 2020

- ◆ **Worship**—Join us as we explore Celtic Christian. Many Celtic practices have roots in desert spirituality; Celtic monks considered the teachings of the desert mothers and fathers essential wisdom. Celtic pre-Christian culture, dating back to 500 B.C.E., permeated the land, and these beliefs also strongly influenced Celtic spiritual practices. As a result, much of Celtic Christianity can be characterized by a strongly incarnational theology: The natural world, in particular, reveals the creator.
- ◆ **Palm Sunday**, April 5 will be filled with the joyous procession of Palms & the Ringers & Singers.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday**, April 9, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service focused on the Stations of the Cross. Our service will conclude with communion.
- ◆ **Easter Sunrise Service**, April 12, Sunrise service will be led by the Reverend Doug Asbury followed by a light breakfast.
- ◆ **Easter Worship Service** will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.
- ◆ **Jazz Sunday**, April 19 will feature Andrew Tecson and his jazz musician colleagues.

VISUAL BLESSINGS—You are invited to take photos of God’s everyday blessings or things that remind you of the holy. Email them to Dale at pastor@rpcusa.org Your pictures will be used on Easter Sunday.



THEOLOGY ON TAP—Hope in the Middle of the Climate Crisis—As news coverage of the climate crisis continues to grow, do you or any of your family members ever feel a sense of despair? Do you feel the problem is so immense and you can't possibly make a difference? Beginning Monday, March 2, we will explore what is happening with the

global climate, how it is impacting us here and now, and we will look at the rise of climate-induced grief. We will also look at sources of good news that can motivate our behavior and we will discover that, yes, we can do something — many things in fact —and as a community of faith, our Creator is calling us to act. Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Please RSVP to the office.

Mission Work @ RPC

CARERS TRUNK — Donations are for The Little Food Pantry. Canned soups, meats and vegetables are needed.



MISSION CO-WORKERS—As part of the General Budget we support Jed & Jenny Koball. They assist the Peru Joining Hands Network (JHN). JHN is an initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program that addresses root causes of hunger in partnership with networks of churches and non-governmental organizations. Together, Jed and Jenny also host PC(USA) church groups to educate them about the issues being addressed by JHN as well as to involve them through hands-on service in the local efforts of the NGOs and churches of the network.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SUNDAY APRIL 12, AFTER WORSHIP — Join the Mission Committee in bringing a dish to share. Invite anyone who would enjoy a free meal and good conversation. All are welcome!

EASTER MEMORIALS—See enclosed flyer for information about ordering Easter plants and memorials.

LIGHTS IN SANCTUARY—Please turn the dimmer switches completely off when leaving the sanctuary.

NEW EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE ITEMS —There are many new organic fair-trade items for sale outside of Dale's office (green, black and herbal tea, breakfast blend and French roast coffee, baking cocoa, chocolate chips, hot cocoa and new chocolates). Proceeds go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

FIFTH SUNDAY— Q: Why is the only Fifth Sunday on August 30 when we have three other months with a fifth week in 2020?
A: The other three fall on Church holidays — Lent, Epiphany and Advent. What that means for March 29 is that you should expect Lenten worship in the sanctuary at 10 am. That also means ushers, Sunday School teachers, flowers, and coffee hour hosts. You can volunteer for any of them by contacting the office at rpcoffice@rpcusa.org or 708-447-1520.

PRESCHOOL NEWS—Thank you so much for supporting the Preschool through book and raffle ticket purchases! With your support we are able to have a flourishing Preschool.



WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — meets **Wednesday, March 25** 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. The purpose of Lesson Six is to understand God’s desire for deep and faithful relationships in the human family and how behavior that has no boundaries can devastate people and communities. Led by Elizabeth Musick.

SPRING SERVICE AUCTION – MAY 3! On Sunday, May 3rd at 5:00 pm, we will host a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner and auction of member-prepared dinner parties, meal deliveries, vacation homes and other services or items you’ve come to enjoy and use. **Please make every effort to attend - this event is critical to a healthy budget!** Once again we are going to serve a delicious catered meal (along with libations!). Line up your social calendar for the rest of 2020 with the wonderful events being offered. Muchas Gracias!



TURKEY-GREECE TRIP—Those traveling to Turkey and Greece are invited to a brief informational meeting after worship in the Westminster Room.

Christian Education



2020 SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE—

Teachers needed! Please sign up.

March 15 Jesus Breaks the Bread—Mark 14:12-26

March 22 & 29 No Class—Spring Break

April 5 Palm Sunday—Mark 11:1-11

HUMAN SCENE—Book of Acts, Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parlor.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am Informational Meeting on Greece and Turkey Trip
2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball
6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

1:30 pm Staff Meeting
4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
5:00 pm Personnel Committee
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:00 pm Session Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum
7:00 pm Preschool Committee

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Fellowship
11:15 am Mission Committee

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<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

Our 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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2020 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2020 Frank Gangware Lynda Nadkarni Dennis Zander	2021 Gwen Heine Allan Halline Matt Lisle	2022 Ben Dickerson Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Lloyd Bradbury Charlie Juister Sally Sloane Jeanne Smith	Deb Jansky Wendy Seifert Joyce Van Cura	Claire Gangware Sylvia Schade Susanne Vogel
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