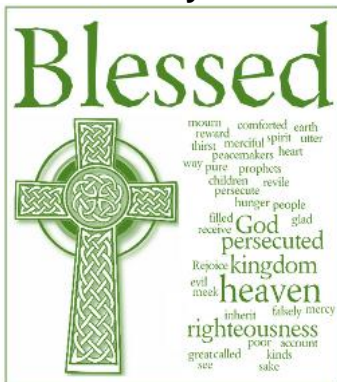


## Riverside Presbyterian Church



March 29, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

You can access the worship service by doing any one of the following:

1. FaceBook - click on the YouTube button on the church's FaceBook page, which will take you here:  
<http://bit.ly/RPCworship>
2. Website – click on the Worship Videos tab on the homepage – [www.rpcusa.org](http://www.rpcusa.org)
3. YouTube – <http://bit.ly/RPCyoutube>
4. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Riverside Presbyterian, IL to go to the church's channel.

The videos of the services will be available any time you want to access them at the conclusion of each Sunday's worship.

For those who have children at home (or adults who are children at heart!) that need activities, go to Sunday School! Our friends at Fourth Presbyterian, Chicago have prepared online lesson plans and are generously sharing them with anyone who would like to use them. Each lesson contains background information for the adults, a family discussion guide, and suggested crafts and activities. Just go to <http://bit.ly/OnlineSundaySchool>

### WE GATHER

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Lighting the Christ Candle & Prelude

*This Is My Father's World<sup>i</sup>*

### WE PREPARE

#### Call to Worship<sup>ii</sup>

In silent sanctuaries, in our houses or apartments,  
wherever we are in these moments of worship,  
early each morning, God waits to greet us with joy and wonder.

During these days of isolation and worry,  
in this time of uncertainty and fear,  
Jesus challenges us with the possibility of faith.

In the shadowed evenings when fear lurks outside,  
and we long to hear the lullabies of grace,  
the Spirit is with us.

#### Hymn

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand<sup>iii</sup>*

The entire hymn is played as an introduction, then join in singing verses one and four.

## WE LISTEN

### Time with Children

### Prayer for Understanding

### Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12<sup>iv</sup>

Seeing the multitudes, he went up onto the mountain. When he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.

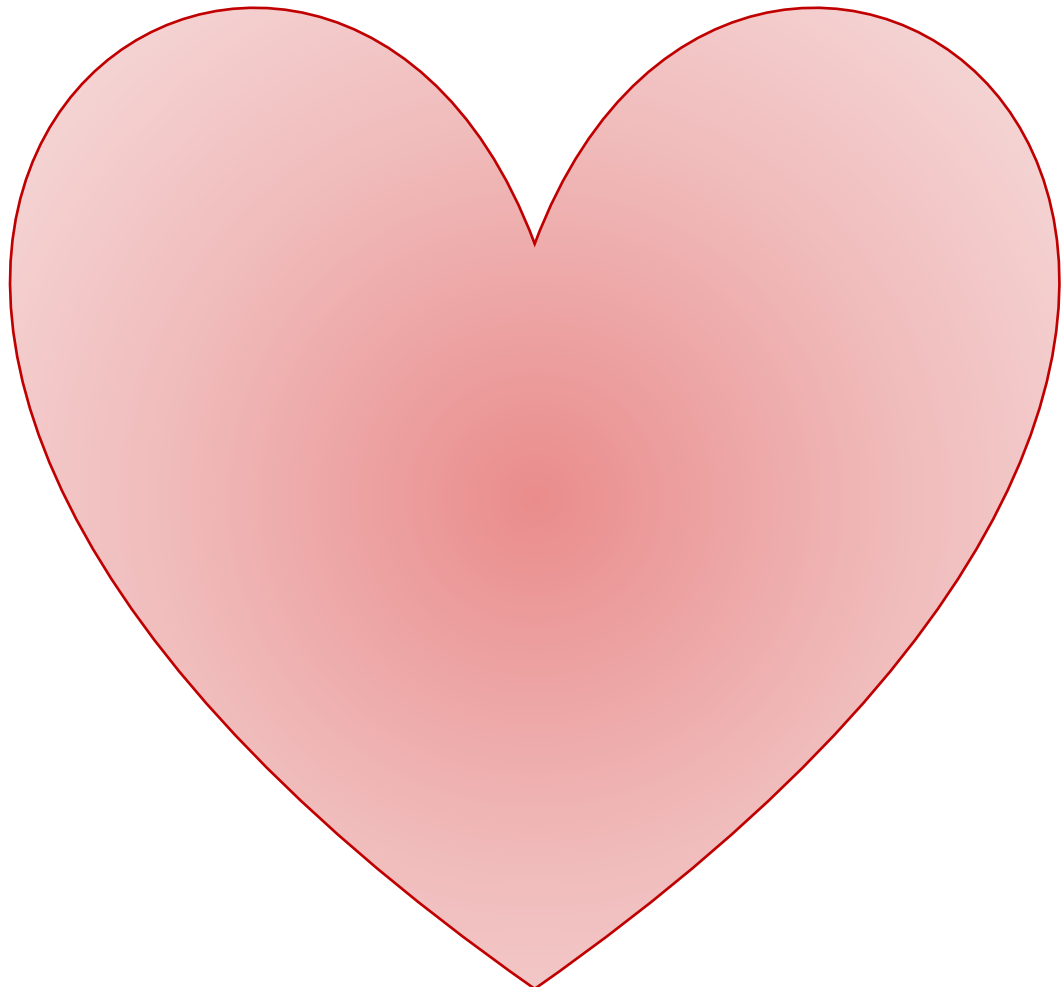
Blessed are those who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when people reproach you, persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.

For that is how they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### Meditation



## WE RESPOND

### A Choral Reading of Modern Beatitudes<sup>v</sup>

#### 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.**

#### Minute for Mission<sup>vi</sup>

#### We Offer our Gifts to God

#### Glory Be to the Father<sup>vii</sup>

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

*Be Thou My Vision<sup>viii</sup>*

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<sup>viii</sup> "Be Thou My Vision," performed by Jouni Kenttämies on the Celtic harp.

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