

People of God, open your hearts.

**We open them to the One who calls us "Beloved."**

Beloved of God, give thanks and praise to the

One who loves you forever.

**We sing our hymns of joy to the**

**One who leads us into the kingdom.**

Hearts overflow with you, (prayer continues) joining the choirs of heaven and earth, who forever sing of your hope and love:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, Everlasting God of grace. Every living creature in heaven and earth sing your praises. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who sits as your right hand of mercy.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Faithful and holy are you, Creator of all, (prayer continues) we tell the story of that mystery we call faith:

**Christ died to set us free;**

**Christ will come again, to bring the kingdom as close to us as God's heart.**

Pour out your Spirit of imagination (prayer continues)

**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.**

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 513

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Dialogue*

Francois Couperin

\* *You are invited to stand if able.*

**Welcome to  
Riverside Presbyterian Church**

March 19 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.



WELCOME

**WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE** (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

PRELUDE *Ruhig bewegt from Sonate II*

Paul Hindemith

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We come, so God might open our eyes,

**that we may discover the wonders surrounding us;  
that we may embrace the joy deep within us.**

We gather, so Christ might widen our hearts,

**that we may hear the sounds of brokenness around us;  
that we may sing the melodies of hope.**

We are here, so the Spirit might teach us the ways of humility,

that we may walk that street named Enduring Love;  
that we may wait at the corner called Faithfulness.

\* HYMN 80 *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We admit we are hesitant to walk to Jerusalem and beyond with you, God of Glory. In a world where we worry about tomorrow before enjoying today, we race by your moments of silence, of learning. In that flood of worries, which can overwhelm us, we may miss that assurance that you have not cut us off from your grace. In the deserts of our desires, we may ignore that feast of hope, of joy, of life you offer to us.**

**Forgive us and have mercy on us, Gentle Guardian of our souls. In humility, may we offer our lives to others. In love, may we share your grace with everyone we meet. In hope, may we wait for you all our days, as you come to us in the life and joy of Jesus.**

*Silence is kept.*

\* SUNG RESPONSE 573 (Repeat after choir)

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

\* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~ *Children are invited forward*

**We are climbing Jacob's Ladder (3x)      Soldiers of the Cross**  
**Every round goes higher higher (3x)      Soldiers of the Cross**  
**If you love Him, why not serve Him? (3x) Soldiers of the Cross**  
**We are climbing Jacob's Ladder (3x)      Soldiers of the Cross**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 13:3-10

SERMON

*Bread for the Journey: Unleavened Bread*

\* HYMN 334

*When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*

### **WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

MISSION UPDATE

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor* Berlin/Ringwald

**Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand  
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command  
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.  
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she  
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,  
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.  
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me  
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"**

\* HYMN 592

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*Communion is served by intinction. Please come forward by the aisle closest to the piano, move to a server, select a generous piece of bread, and dip it in the juice and commune. Return to your seats using the other aisle.*

INVITATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

May the God of Lent be with you.

**And also with you.**