

**Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church**

March 5, 2017 ~ First 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
Fuga from "Sonata VI"

Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP (Iona Abbey Worship Book)
Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time,
Be with us in *this* time.
Savior of the world, healer of the nations,
Be with us in *this* place.
Breath of all that lives, of people near and far,
Stir within our lives.
Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now,
**Be present in our worship,
that we may find new ways to be present in your world.**

* HYMN #489 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and gracious God, in Jesus Christ you entered our lives and called us to repent and follow you. We heard your call and responded to your invitation, yet we do not always see your path clearly, and we have taken detours. At times we have grieved your heart with actions and attitudes more callous than kind, more selfish than selfless.

We ask your forgiveness. Renew our spirits, we pray, and awaken in us a fresh appreciation for your generosity, patience, and kindness. Grant us the grace to live in ways worthy of our calling, sharing your goodness and embodying your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* 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*

HYMN *Seek Ye First vs 1*
**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE *Romans 2:1-10*

SERMON *The Call of Kindness*

*HYMN 376 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *Hospodi Pomilui* G. V. Lvosky/Krone

* 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

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Communion is served by intinction. Please come forward by the aisle closest to the piano and move to one of the communion stations, tear a generous piece of bread and dip it in the chalice. Return to your seats using the other aisle.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

O Love, how deep, how broad, how high (prayer continues) we lift our voices in praise:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God.

All creation rejoices in your saving acts.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One whose weakness is our strength.

Hosanna in the highest!

Love divine (prayer continues). Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe thy loving Spirit (prayer continues) through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying

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.

PREPARING THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 83 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

We are pleased to welcome to our pulpit this morning The Rev. Dr. Deborah Kapp, Edward F. and Phyllis K. Campbell Professor of Urban Ministry, McCormick Theological Seminary.

Ushers: Megan Foran, Keith, Rosalyn and Ellie Pearson

Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton

Andrew Ministers: Connie Kelly and Cyril Friend

Communion Servers: Gwen Heine, Susan Lynch, John Haugland and Frank Gangware

The flowers today are given in honor of the birth of her parents by Susan Zander.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Karl-Heinz Meyer.

Trustees of the Month: March: Cyril Friend and Joel Hastings

