

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *Grand Jeu* Du Mage

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

#### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Thank you to Matt Lisle for filling the pulpit this morning.*

*Acolyte: Jaden Zander*

*Ushers: Kemp Clarke, Mary Rob Clarke, Susan Lynch and Kaki Lynch*

*Liturgist: Ellen Hamilton*

*Andrew Ministers: Lynda Nadkarni, Susan Lynch and David Harper*

*Flowers this morning are given by Ellen Hamilton with special love and honor for her mother Carolyn, grandmothers Nellie and Beatrice and for all other mothers.*

*Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Sandy Kappmeyer.*

*Trustees of the Month: Nancy Jensen and Thom DeVries*

## **Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church**

May 14 ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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 & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE  
*Mit Fried' und Freud' ich fahr' dahin*

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)  
The God who is greater than we will ever understand,  
**is humbled to become one of us.**  
The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,  
**gives us more grace than we ever realize.**  
The God who is wiser than we will ever know,  
**teaches us all we need to become God's children.**

\* HYMN 122

*Thine Is the Glory*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**Why should we fear, God of compassion? You choose us to be bearers of grace and justice to a broken world; you call us to be words of hope and joy to people deafened by despair.**

**We will extol you.**

**Why should we fear, Brother of justice? You call us to follow you so we may serve all who have been abandoned by a society focused on self. You model kindness so we might bring healing to a fractured culture.**

**We will bless you.**

**Why should we fear, Spirit of grace? When we run around in circles, you fill us with your peace; when we stumble through each day, you energize us with your hope; when our spirits are empty, you come and dwell in us.**

**We will praise you. Amen**

\* HYMN 579

*Glory Be to the Father*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen, Amen.**

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children are invited forward

HYMN 294

*Wherever I May Wander vs 2*

**Throughout the whole creation, I see God's loving care  
For everyone in every land, God's children everywhere.**

**Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be,  
I'm certain of my Maker's love; God's care is over me.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:16-22

Luke 6:27-36

SERMON

*"God's Compassionate Womb"*

\* HYMN 335

*Though I May Speak*

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*Notes from Paul*

Butler

\* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\* 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.**

\* HYMN 432 sing twice

*Song of Hope*

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