

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Musette* Anon

* 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

SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

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.

WE DEPART

* HYMN (insert) *The Old Rugged Cross*

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Theme from Jaws* Williams/Coates
* *You are invited to stand if able.*

The Old Rugged Cross was requested by Connie Nestor. George Bernard Shaw began the hymn in 1912 at an evangelistic meeting in Michigan. He was contemplating the meaning of the cross and was inspired to begin the song while meditating on John 3:16. He was unable to finish it until early in 1913. The song soon achieved wide popularity when it was introduced by evangelist Homer Rodeheaver. This hymn was not accepted by most major hymnals until the 1950s. One reason was the somewhat controversial nature of a hymn expressing such great affection for the cross itself, rather than for Christ, the one who died there. (From *Hymnary.org*)

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

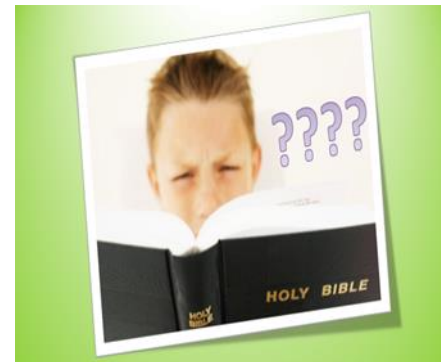
August 12, 2018
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

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<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>



JUDAS

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
Sonatina Op. 36 #3 *Spiritoso*

Clementi

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Our lives scattered on the floor of the world,
our limits pushed by stress and its best friend, impatience,
we come:

**For here, God would gather us,
bringing us to the realm of peace.**

Wondering if truth is fake or worth pursuing,
questioning whether anyone is worth following or believing,
we come:

**For here, God would feed us with wisdom,
sending the One who would lead us to the realm of hope.**

Questioning the motives of everyone in power,
doubting that justice can be found anywhere,
we come:

**For here, God brings us to worship with our sisters and brothers,
scooping us up from every place we have strayed.**

* HYMN 281 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Gathering God, this week, we threw an extra can of veggies in our overflowing grocery carts for the food pantry; we donated that old coat we haven't worn in a couple of years to the thrift store; we re-gifted a bouquet to a neighbor in the hospital. Did you notice? Or were you too busy cleaning the guest room for the immigrant couple; buying school supplies for all the kids in the school near your home; sitting by the bed of a hospice patient after the family left for the night.

We spend so much time patting ourselves on the back, that we do not notice how you are constantly searching the ends of the earth for all your children, Merciful God. Give us the faith to live as your people, even as did Jesus.

Silent prayers

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN 391 verse 1 *Take My Life*

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

* HYMN FOR UNDERSTANDING 324 (vs 2) *Open My Eyes That I May See*
**Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 26:17-25, 47-56
Matthew 27:3-10

MEDITATION

* HYMN 527 *Near to the Heart of God*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.