

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

God is the heart of life.

And we are the heartbeat.

May our hearts be filled with thanks and praise and songs of joy.

We rejoice in the miracle of life and delight in our participation.

Creating God, Source of Life, (prayer continues) We who hold all such good things in trust, join with others in declaring:

Holy! Holy! Holy! Heaven and earth are holy and good.

Holy is peace.

Holy is truth. Holy is love.

We give thanks, (prayer continues) sustain us when we are in need.

God loves in us; God cares through us;

God laughs in us; God cries in us, as nowhere else.

Especially we give thanks (prayer continues) and making us whole.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 543

Abide with Me

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Hobby

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

November 5, 2017 ~ Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Lobe den Herren

arr. Mazzatenta

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.

Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

Breathe new life into your people, O God.

For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

We are all brothers and sisters through God's love.

Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace.

* HYMN 551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Life is sometimes like a giant spider web. We seem to get caught and entangled in its threads, not knowing which way to turn or how to extricate ourselves from the dilemmas in which we are trapped. God, you know that so many of these dilemmas and burdens are of our own creation, coming out of our stubbornness and fear. We find it much easier to turn our back on people in need, or just write a check and hope that the problems go away.

Forgive us when we decide not to become involved in the solution, when we would rather back off from helping and turn and run for cover. Give us an extra measure of courage and strength along with your forgiving love, that we may again place our whole trust in you.

Silence is kept.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* 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

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

HYMN 498 vs 4

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Child of God, your loving Parent, learn to listen for God's call.

**Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
trust and love God more than all.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 107:1-7
Galatians 3:23-29

MEDITATION

The Others

* HYMN 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *How Can I Keep from Singing?* arr. Behnke

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

For the Life That You Have Given

**For the life that you have given,
for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor,
with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises heart and mind
and strength we bring; give us grace to love and serve you,
living what we pray and sing.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all. Communion is served in the pews. As you receive the elements please hold them until all have been served and we will commune together.