

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND 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.

* HYMN 554

Let All Things Now Living

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

O Gott, du Frommer Gott

Brahms

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Beverly Aieta, Betsy Gardner, John Haugland, Sandy Kappmeyer and Steven Marcus for joining today's Ministry of Music.

Acolyte: Devin Zander

Ushers: Ellen Hamilton, David Harper, Paula McCracken, Elizabeth Musick.

Liturgist: Megan Foran

Andrew Minister: Susan Lynch

Flowers this morning are in memory of my mother Alice Radke-James, 1929 graduate of R-B High School, by Joyce Dobrzanski.

Trustees of the Month: Jim Sit and Henry Vogel

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

July 23, 2017 ~ Seventh 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.



God Is Holding Your Life

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

El Shaddai

Card & Thompson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.
On this day, we would speak of what we believe.
We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

* HYMN 229 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Everybody else does it, Watching God, and we confess that we do as well. We listen to those whose promises are sold to the highest bidder. We idolize celebrities as if they were teachers of ethics. We long for that one person who will make everything right, once again, once and for all.

Is it any wonder we are a disappointed people, God of Hope? Forgive us for turning our backs on you, even as you continue to stretch out your arms to us. Forgive us for trusting in those who prove to be false, rather than having faith in your love. Forgive us, and fill us with the spirit of faith which is given to us in Jesus.

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

This Little Light of Mine

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 136

MEDITATION

God's Love Endures Forever

* HYMN 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

* STATEMENT OF BELIEF (Unison)

**We are not alone; we live in God's world.
We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who works in others and us through the Spirit.
We trust in the Creator.
We are called to be,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and to resist injustice,
to seek out models for hope and peace.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone.**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Now Is the Cool of the Day

Arr. Amidon

* 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!**