

**We renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of our sin!**

Will you let the Spirit use you as prophets to the powers that be?

**We accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves!**

Will you be living witnesses to the gospel, individually and together, wherever you are, and in all that you do?

**We will remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.**

#### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.

**Even so, come Lord Jesus!**

Almighty God, the life you birthed in us by baptism into Jesus Christ will never die. Your justice never fails. Your mercy is everlasting.

**Your healing river flows. Your Spirit blows where you will. We cannot stop you, God!**

But sometimes we try. (prayer continues) We parch ourselves.

**We are dry and thirsty, O God. Come, refresh us!**

Come upon us, Holy Spirit!

**Come upon us, Holy Spirit!**

(prayer continues)

#### RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

\* HYMN

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Sonatina Op. 55 #1 Vivace*

Kuhlau

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

## Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

July 30, 2017 ~ Eighth 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

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

*Deep River*

arr. Faber & Faber

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Holy and Living God, you are...

**the tie that binds!**

We give you thanks that you have brought us together  
in order to create...

**the tie that binds!**

Be with us in our learning, our worshiping,  
our fellowshiping that leads to...

**the tie that binds!**

We are yours, walking in the way of Jesus,  
living in the Spirit so that we might be for the world...

**the tie that binds!**

Let all God's people say, Alleluia!

**Alleluia!**

\* HYMN 438

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Searching God, we are so attached to our possessions,  
we have trouble sharing them. We are so connected to our  
pleasures that we cannot feel the pain of those around us. We  
are so stuck on ourselves, we cannot sense our souls slipping  
away into the shadows.**

**Most merciful God: loosen us from the grip of the world, so  
we may feel your healing touch. Sever us from our sin, so  
your Spirit might bind us to you. Reshape us, redeem us,  
renew us, so we may take up our crosses and 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

Isaiah 64:1-9

Jeremiah 18:1-6

MEDITATION

*Formed*

\* HYMN

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord!*

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Theme and Variations*

Gunther von Noe

\* 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

## **REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT**

INVITATION

RENUNCIATION OF SIN (Responsive)

Will you turn away from the powers of sin and death?