

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Mayo

\* 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 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 419 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *Finale from Sonata in D* Haydn

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

Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

August 27, 2017 ~ Twelfth 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  
*Traumerei* Schumann

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

You are called to be free; but do not let this freedom become an excuse for doing whatever you want.

**We come seeking the power of the Holy Spirit to direct our lives.**

God has called us all to service.

**We pray for the Spirit to produce in us kindness and goodness, that we may be free to serve the needs of others.**

\* HYMN 438

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of Turbulent Winds and Gentle Breezes -- we believe we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to embody love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control.**

**Continue to live through us to accomplish your reign of justice, your kingdom of peace. We live in a country that touts personal choice and self-development.**

**Let our decisions and actions never cause harm to others. Help us to share what we have so that everyone has enough of the necessities for living well. Light us within so we can promote freedom and peace throughout the global village, in our homes, and on our streets.**

*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

Galatians 5:22-26

MEDITATION

*Moved*

\* HYMN 335

*Though I May Speak*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Responsive)

We are a cloth of diverse colors  
made from many gifts and graces.

**We are the people flowing forth from Creator God,  
surprising ourselves with the things which can be done.**

We are raw material for rewarding relationships  
as our lives interweave,

**contributing one to the other,  
holding each other firm when one is weak or breaking.**

We are each worthy of being respected and cared for,  
**essential to the pattern, skilled in our appointed tasks,  
sources of laughter and sharers of tears.**

We commit ourselves to work together,  
**that one day, this world may be a place  
where all people live in justice, freedom and peace.**