



CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

* PASSING THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Triumphal Entry

Alleluia! The Strife Is O'er

Bedford

Kerkorian

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

With the stone rolled away came emptiness.

Of a tomb that held captive the Crucified, of the space that was once filled with death, of the cross that now pointed to greater truth of God's love in spite of ourselves.

With the stone rolled away came questions.

From those whose world lay shattered, from those who would demand living proof, from those who were seeking a sign of promise breeding confidence, assurance and trust.

With the stone rolled away came light.

To illumine the darkness of suspicion and fear, to dispel the shadows of distrust, anxiety, insecurity, to radiate with the beams of new hope and understanding the life about to be lived.

With the stone rolled away came a future.

With a truth that outshines the wisdom of the ages, with space to be filled with the Kingdom of God, with the company of those who through history confess that Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!

* HYMN 123

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

The pain of our Good Fridays still lingers among us. We still dwell inside the long waiting of our Holy Saturdays. Old wounds hold us in calloused hearts. Ancient histories mold our souls in fear. New worries drag us toward the abyss of dread.

Yet, Easter comes our way again and we are awakened to a new day of hope and possibility.

Christ is raised. Life bursts forth again.

Angels sing, creation dances, and the oppressed find their voices.

The poor find reason to hope, neighbors come together in acts of justice.

Christ is risen!

Life has conquered!

Love knows no end!

Hallelujah! Amen.

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 104 verse 2

Christ Is Risen! Shout

Hosanna

**Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wind of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-10

John 20:11-18

MEDITATION

Via Dolorosa: Why are you Crying?

* HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower 250

Hymn of Promise

Capo 3: (D) (Em)
F Gm

1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
2 There's a song in ev - ery si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;
3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

(A7) (D)
C7 F

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev - ery dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

(D7) (G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (F#) (Bm)
F7 Bb Gm F Dm Gm A Dm

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

(G) (Em) (D) (Bm) (Em) (A7) (D)
Bb Gm F Dm Gm C7 F

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Christ the Lord Is Risen

Fetler

* HYMN OF RESPONSE

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

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served in the pews., please hold the elements till all have been served.
Crackers are gluten free.

INVITATION (Responsive)

The earth has gone the round of seasons: from the vibrant green of spring's new life to the lush richness of warm summer, to the brilliant fulfillment of riotous autumn, to the generosity and self-giving of winter. Now we stand again, touched by the promise of new life in the spring. When our days become over-busy

May we be flooded with a downpour of encouragement!

When we take things for granted and gratitude goes to sleep

May a new song be put on our tongues.

When life's abrasive pressures fray us, losing our hold on the Still Center

**May we be told again about sparrows and nesting robins, about daffodils and tulips,
and the Parent who knows our every need.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

It is right and our joy to give thanks...We give thanks, O Holy One.

We give thanks.

We who hold all such good things in trust...declare as generations before us have declared:

Holy, holy, holy, hope-breathing God, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

And we celebrate our knowledge...

**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 105

Because You Live, O Christ

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

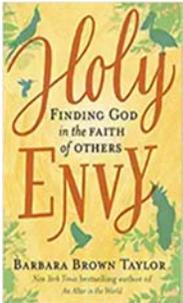
On This Day Earth Shall Ring

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



JAZZ SUNDAY IS APRIL 28 — Andrew Tecson and his jazz musician colleagues will be featured at morning worship on April 28. Since 2006 the annual "Jazz Sunday at RPC" has been a beloved tradition, with the band providing all music for the service. The son of RPC member Caroline Tecson and the late Joseph Tecson, Andy, a lawyer grew up in Riverside and has played the saxophone since he was a young boy. He is a composer as well and began composing music as a student at Riverside - Brookfield High School. Please join us!



NEW THEOLOGY ON TAP — April 29 will kick-off our next Theology on Tap. We will meet at Paisans, 3720 Grand Blvd., Brookfield at 6:30 pm. Discussion begins at 7:00 pm. We are reading Barbara Brown Taylor's new book, *Holy Envy*. In *Holy Envy*, Taylor contemplates myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the Transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques.

Troubled and inspired by what she learns, Taylor returns to her own tradition for guidance, finding new meaning in old teachings that have too often been used to exclude religious strangers instead of embracing the divine challenges they present. Re-imagining some central stories from the religion she knows best, she takes heart in how often God chooses outsiders to teach insiders how out-of-bounds God really is.



2020 CHURCH TRIP—Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Blue Mosque and Hoga Sofia in Istanbul? How about floating around in the Aegean Sea, stopping at Santorini, considered the most breathtaking of the Greek Isles, and several other islands? Or walking among the ruins of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens?

You can do all that as well as walk in the towns that inspired Paul's letters and visit the cave where John was said to have received the Revelation if you join us on our RPC trip to Greece & Churches of the Revelation. We are considering three dates (including a summer option) in 2020 in hopes that many of you will be able to come. Pastor Dale will be holding informational meetings on Sunday, April 28 and Sunday May 5 after worship, to provide more information, or you can call him personally if you can't attend any of these dates. Those who traveled to Israel and Egypt with us in 2018 know how fun it is to travel with church members. Hope you can join us!

PRESCHOOL NEWS —We are excited to announce that for the 2019-2020 school year, preschool will be offering an Enrichment Program that will extend the Preschool day until 1:20 pm. The morning

schedule will remain the same. The Enrichment Program is an option for which families will need to separately register. Enrollment forms are in the rack outside the office.

YOUTH GROUP OUTING —The new date for the movie outing is April 27.

SHARE THE HARVEST— **Remember how much fun it was playing in the dirt?** Well, what's stopping you from doing it again? This time you can do it and help out a struggling family. See attached sheet for more information. Have some fun in the dirt and feed the hungry. How can it get any better?

BRICK PAVERS —Looking for the perfect way to honor a friend or family member? Do you have a favorite Bible verse or meditation phrase? Buy a brick paver and choose the engraving. Small bricks are \$150 and large bricks are \$500. All proceeds go to the Capital Campaign Fund. Order forms are available outside the RPC office.



NEW EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE ITEMS —There are many new organic fair-trade items for sale outside of Dale's office (green, black and herbal tea, breakfast blend and French roast coffee, baking cocoa and hot cocoa and new chocolates). Proceeds go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

CARERS TRUNK APRIL — This month the CARERS Committee will be collecting cereal of all kinds for BEDS Plus, which serves the homeless.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — Wednesday, April 24 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "God's Promise" by Amy Poling Sutherlun. Lesson Eight "God with Us as the Holy Spirit". John 14:1-31. Led by Ellen Hamilton.

SPRING SERVICE AUCTION – SAVE THE DATE! This year we are splitting our fundraising auction into two events. On Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 pm, we will host a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner, accompanied by an auction of member-prepared dinner parties, meal deliveries, vacation homes and other services or items that have proved to be popular items in the past. (We know that some of last year's dinner events are yet to be held, but this is the only year we will have overlap.) In the fall there will be an Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction that will be a more community-wide event.



Both events are critical to a healthy budget. **Please make every effort to attend the May 19 Service Auction!** You can shout Ole! for a great Mexican meal (including libations!) and line up your social calendar for the rest of 2019 and the first part of 2020 with the wonderful events being offered. Muchas Gracias!

The lilies and tulips in the chancel today are given as memorials, to or in honor of loved ones, by members and friends of our church.

In memory of Lou Heine from his granddaughters Leanne, Alison and Samantha.

In memory of Martha and Floyd Bergland from Marge Abbott.

In loving memory of our dear parents: Bill and Dorothy Jansky and Gene and Florence Swenson from Debra and Jonathan Jansky.

In memory of my dad, Eugene Pouliot from Pat Meschi.

In memory of Julia Hope Staubus from her family.

In memory of Elmer J. Kweton, Harriet K. Sloma and Dorothy C. Naegel from Mariel K. Bradley and Phillip Kweton.

In honor of Aunt Judy and Uncle John; we are so thankful to have you visiting for Easter! from James, Avery, Adelynn and Joe Joe.

In memory of beloved parents, aunts, uncles and cousins lost and remembered from the McCleans.

In memory of The Rev. Frank Musick from Elizabeth Musick.

In memory of Sylvia Papazian Okolovitch and George Sloane from the Sloane/Kazarian Family.

In memory of my parents, Eugene and Virginia Palmer from Gwen and Mike Heine.

In memory of my parents, Paul and Ruth McCracken; my grandparents, Oscar and Jessie Siler and Sumner and Mary McCracken; and my brother-in-law, Steve Langer from Paula McCracken.

In memory of Amy Lynne Wolff from her parents, Donna and Jim Ulrich.

Remembering Easter's promise and two sets of wonderful parents: Bud and Liberty Dvorak and George and Mildred Spink from Joe and Nancy Dvorak.

In memory of John L. Clarke from his family.

In honor of my family from Elizabeth Musick.

In memory of John Szabo; a father, an artist and a friend from Bryan Zander.

In loving memory of my stepmother, Marge Ash, from Brooke Woodham.

In
our
Dale
Heilenach.

loving memory of
son, Jason, from
and Ruth

In loving memory of my mother, Carolyn Hamilton, from Ellen Hamilton.

In honor of Joan Lalime and Victoria Vogel from Susanne and Will Vogel.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship

2:00 Caledonia

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

10:00 am Women’s Circle for Fellowship and Study

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women’s Forum

Sunday

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Human Scene

10:00 am Worship—Jazz Sunday

11:00 am Fellowship

11:15 am Mission Committee

11:15 am Church Trip Informational Meeting

3:00 pm The Boulevard

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak

Ushers: Charlie, Bridget, Victor and Harriet Juister

Communion Servers: Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak, Gwen Heine, Charlie Juister and Wendy Seifert

Andrew Ministers: Cyril Friend and Susan Lynch

Trustees of the Month: Cyril Friend and Susan Deems-Dluhy

Thank you to the acaBELLa Ringers, the RPC Chancel Choir, Sarah Basel, Bart Coyle and Vinnie Rivera for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders

2019

Jeanine Buttimer

Patti Friend

Susan Lynch

Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak

2020

Frank Gangware

Martha Heine

Lynda Nadkarni

Dennis Zander

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

2021

Gwen Heine

Allan Halline

Matt Lisle

Deacons

Ellen Hamilton

Sandy Kappmeyer

Steve Teune

Lloyd Bradbury

Charlie Juister

Sally Sloane

Jeanne Smith

Deb Jansky

Serina Ranft

Wendy Seifert

Trustees

Susan Deems-Dluhy

Cyril Friend

Fred Kitch

Brad Staubus

Patti Perry

Doug Harvin

Hank Vogel

Thom DeVries

Fred Mitchell

Mission Statement

We gather as a church to:
Celebrate God’s presence,
Nurture the Spiritual Life,
Carry the light of Christ into the world,
Serve God by serving others.

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