

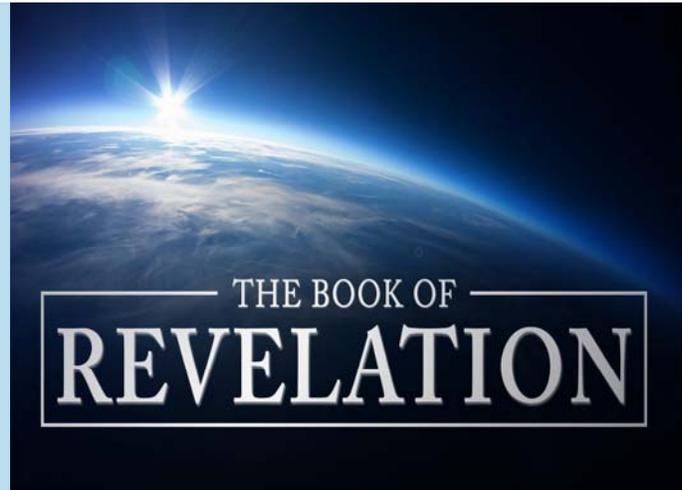
Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

May 5, 2019
Third Sunday of Easter

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.
Please silence your cell phone.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade
and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.



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

Softly and Tenderly

Thompson/Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Frayed and frazzled, our lives jangling with tension and anxiety,

we gather to find that place of peace which God offers to us.

Awash in worries and doubts, drowning in a sea of fears,

we gather beside the still waters where Jesus offers us a cup of grace.

Weakened by the burdens of life, wandering as if lost in a wilderness,

we gather so the Spirit can restore our souls and show us the path to the kingdom.

* HYMN 481

Praise the Lord, God's Glories Show

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

Whenever we find ourselves waist deep in stress, you float us on your living waters until we are at peace. As we try to race down every road and alley of endless meetings, you put up a detour sign directing us to your joy.

When we find ourselves empty from chasing down the shadows of sin and death, you are setting out a picnic in grace's garden of delights, handing us a slice of bread spread with hope's sweetness.

Though we try to flee from the very life we are longing to discover, you slow us down until mercy and goodness can catch up with us so, hand in hand, we can race to your house where we are welcomed in all the moments to come. 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 wine 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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Robert Walter Kreimes

Introduction

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Presentation

Questions

Act of Baptism

Prayer and blessing after Baptism

HYMN 304 vs 1

Jesus Loves Me!

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong;
they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Revelation 5:11-14

MEDITATION

* HYMN

BAPTISM

488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Rutter

* 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

JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is open to all and is served by intinction. Please come forward, tear off a piece of bread, dip it in the chalice and commune before returning to your seat by the outside aisle, The crackers are gluten free.

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.

We give thanks...with all those who love you throughout the ages we praise you saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, resurrection 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.

It is here at this Table (*prayer continues*) **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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE DEPART

* HYMN 513

Let Us Break Bread Together

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Jesus Loves Me

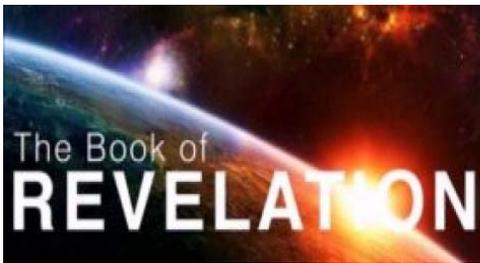
Bradbury/Raney

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2020 CHURCH TRIP—Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Blue Mosque and Haga 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?

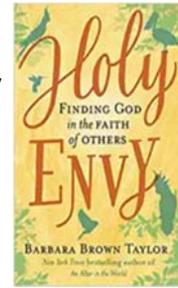
You can do all that as well as walk in the towns that inspired Paul's letters and visit the cave where John was said to have received the Revelation if you join us on our RPC trip to Greece & Churches of the Revelation. We are considering three dates (including a summer option) in 2020 in hopes that many of you will be able to come. Pastor Dale will be holding an informational meeting today after worship, to provide more information, or you can call him personally if you can't attend either 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!



A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION Here is what you need to know. The author: Four times the author identifies himself as John. Justin Martyr in the second century suggested it was John the Apostle; most scholars today do not believe this to be the case. All we know is that the author was a Jewish person who knew the Hebrew Scriptures and was most likely a leader for the seven churches in Asia Minor. Date most scholars estimate the book was written around 95. Reason for writing

Since Roman authorities at this time were beginning to enforce emperor worship, Christians were facing increasing hostility. The author is writing to encourage persecuted Christians. Literary Form Revelation is apocalyptic; a kind of writing that is highly symbolic. A distinctive feature is the frequent use of the number seven (52 times). There are seven beatitudes, seven churches, seven spirits, seven golden lamp stands, seven stars, seven seals, seven horns and seven eyes, seven trumpets, seven thunders, seven signs, seven crowns, seven plagues, seven golden bowls, seven hills and seven kings, as well as other sevens. Symbolically, the number seven stands for completeness. Interpretations of Revelation normally fall into four groups: *Preterists* understand the book exclusively in terms of its first-century setting, claiming that most of its events have already taken place. *Historicists* take it as describing the long chain of events from Patmos to the end of history. *Futurists* place the book primarily in the end times. *Idealists* view it as symbolic pictures of such timeless truths as the victory of good over evil.

THEOLOGY ON TAP — Mondays, 6:30 pm at Paisans, 3720 Grand Blvd., Brookfield. 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.



SPRING SERVICE AUCTION – MAY 19, 5 PM. Please join us for a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner, followed by both a live and silent auction. Lots of dinner parties, meals delivered right to your door, vacation homes, sports tickets, pet sitting – the contributions keep coming in! You'll be setting your social calendar through early 2020 with the many intriguing offerings and helping RPC meet its annual budget at the same time. There will be yummy food (not too spicy!) a signature cocktail, sangria and beer to wash it all down. (And of course, coffee, tea and lemonade). **Please make every effort to attend – your participation is critical to a successful event!** Muchas Gracias!

PRESCHOOL NEWS —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. Enrollment forms are in the rack outside the office.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY – DONATION OF THE MONTH

In May, we welcome donations of canned pasta (i.e., ravioli, spaghettios, beefaroni, etc.). There is a box in the south vestibule designated for these donations. Thanks for your help!



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 CORNER MAY, Stars and Stripes Month — The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187 will be accepting our donation for their Packages Abroad program. Everything we donate will be used by a member of the armed services deployed abroad and by those who visit the USO at O'Hare Airport. Items needed are non-perishable snacks, personal care products, fun items to occupy their off-duty hours. A more comprehensive list will be posted next to the trunk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL — is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **May 12—Jesus Blesses the Children**

LOOSE COIN OFFERING — On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money will go to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

OPEN GYM FOR KIDS TODAY — All kids are invited to the gym after worship. Please wear gym shoes!

BLOOD DRIVE — The Riverside Masonic Lodge will host a Blood Donor Day on Saturday, May 11, 2019, at the Riverside Masonic Hall, 40 Forest Avenue. The doors will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Appointments preferred. For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877-258-4825.



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP—May 10, 7:00 pm at Jon and Deb Jansky’s house (390 Audubon Road, Riverside). Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship! Bring an appetizer and beverage to share.

SENIOR FAIR — North Riverside Recreation Department will be hosting a free Senior Fair on Thursday, May 16 from 10:00 am—noon at the North Riverside Village Commons. For information, call 442-5515.

Share the Harvest **Free Plant Sign Up Sheet**

Please help provide fresh produce to our neighbors struggling with hunger and food insecurity! Share the Harvest provides a free *tomato, pepper, and/or cucumber* plant to anyone willing to dedicate all that grows on the plant to our shared ministry! The weekly harvest from one plant can help provide fresh produce to several families each week! When you harvest, please bring your gifts to church and place them in the *Share the Harvest* basket. They’ll be picked up and delivered to a local food pantry!

Just one note: you need a spot with 6-8 hours of sun a day to grow the plants. Check your yard — and if it’s a go, please sign up to receive a plant(s) by filling out this form and returning it to the church office. *Please sign up by May 12, 2019! Thank you!* You can pick up your seedling(s) on May 18.

Your Name	E-mail address or Other Contact Information	Type of Plant Desired (tomato, pepper or cucumber)

THIS WEEK

Today

9:00 am Confirmation Class
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Open Gym
11:00 am Church Trip Informational Meeting
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

Monday

5:15 pm Volleyball
6:30 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum
7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women’s Forum
10:00 am CARERS Meeting

Friday

7:00 pm Friday Night Fellowship

Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Human Scene

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Dennis Cobb
Ushers: Mary Beth Wynn; Bret, Reese, Ryan & Tyler Jackson
Andrew Minister: Connie Kelly
Communion Servers: Lisa Aulerich-Marciniak, Susan Lynch, Ellen Hamilton and Sandy Kappmeyer
Flowers are given in loving memory of Bill & Dorothy Jansky and Gene & Florence Swenson from Jon & Deb Jansky.
Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the acaBELLa Ringers.
Trustees of the Month: Brad Staubus and Patti Perry
Thank you to Mary Ann Sadilek and Carl Colvin for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders		
2019	2020	2021
Jeanine Buttimer	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine
Patti Friend	Martha Heine	Allan Halline
Susan Lynch	Lynda Nadkarni	Matt Lisle
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Dennis Zander	
	Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session	
Deacons		
Ellen Hamilton	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer	Charlie Juister	Serina Ranft
Steve Teune	Sally Sloane	Wendy Seifert
	Jeanne Smith	
Trustees		
Susan Deems-Dluhy	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries
Cyril Friend	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell
Fred Kitch	Hank Vogel	
Brad Staubus		

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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