

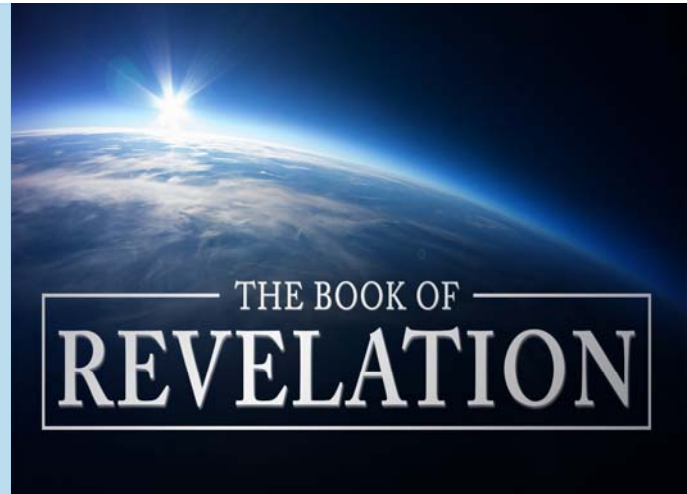
Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

May 12, 2019
Fourth 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

Aria from Concerto Grosso #12

Handel/Trevor

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Now is the time to sing! to sing the good news of God:

**who awakens us with dawn's embrace,
who surrounds us with joy and life.**

Now is the time to offer praise to God, in every place, with every voice:

**to rejoice in the One who leads us through each moment
with a gentle hand and a word of hope.**

Now is the time to join all creation in extolling God,
from the depths of the sea to the farthest galaxies:

**We will sing the good news of Easter!
We will rejoice in the God who loves us.**

* HYMN 479

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

We pile our fears and worries on the bedside table, tossing our dreams and hopes into the waste can to be emptied, tangling ourselves up in the covers as well as our fears, spending another sleepless, endless night. But your joy comes in the birds that sing us awake, in the sun which warms us, in blue skies that mark the way, Holy God.

The day awaits us, and we are hesitant to step out the door, our aging bodies wearied with illness, memory that doesn't seem as sharp as it once was; bullies wait to taunt us at school; we wonder if today we will find out that our job is no longer needed. But your grace comes in the laughter at lunch with friends, in the child who tells us a silly joke, in the touch of a loved one, Holy God.

The evening stretches before us, and we sit at the table across from the empty chair, we dread the phone call from the ever-forgetful parent, we weep at the images of pain and suffering flashing before us. But your hope comes in the silence of healing, in the dog who nuzzles our hands, in the card sent by an old friend, Holy God. You come to us in every moment, God in Community, Holy in One, and so we lift our prayer to you in praise. 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

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30
Revelation 7:9-17

MEDITATION

* HYMN

Do Not Be Afraid

76

Refrain E B C#m G D/F# E B

All

Do not be a - fraid, for I am with you. Cho - sen and be -

C#m D Bm7 Dmaj7 E B C#m

loved, you are my own. Do not be a - fraid, for I have re -

E7 D Bm7 C Em Am7 Bm7 E *Last time*

deemed you: by your name I called you for my own.

Leader or All D Bm7 E

1 7 Look up, a new thing I am do - ing;
 2 I am God, who blots out your trans - gres - sions;
 3 7 The Lord, the Ho - ly One of Is - rael

D Bm7 E

7 it springs forth; 7 look and see it grow.
 for my own sake I do not chide or blame.
 7 has prom - ised to lead us on our way,

F G

7 Through wil - der - ness I'll make a lev - el high - way;
 On - ly this much I ask, that you love me
 7 and we who love and wor - ship God our Mak - er

F Dm7 B_{sus} B *to Refrain*

through des - erts, make streams and riv - ers flow.
 and seek me and hon - or my name.
 will lis - ten to hear the Spir - it say:

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Fly Away Medley

arr. Hayes

* 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

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER 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.

WE DEPART

* HYMN 303

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

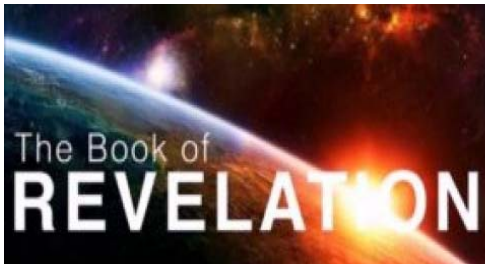
arr. Behnke

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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?

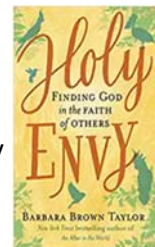
You can do all that as well as walk in the towns that inspired Paul's letters and visit the cave where John was said to have received the Revelation if you join us on our RPC trip to Greece & Churches of the Revelation. The trip will be June 12-June 24, 2020. We hope that many of you will be able to come. 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! Come to the Spring Fund Raiser—a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner, accompanied by both a live and a silent auction. **CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED.** Please make every effort to attend—you can shout Ole! for a great Mexican meal catered by La Cabanita in Brookfield (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!

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.

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.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY – DONATION OF THE MONTH

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



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 is 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. **May 19—End of the Year Paint and Sip Party**

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 further information, call 442-5515.

ADULT MISSION TRIP— We are putting together a mission trip to help with the tornado damage in downstate Taylorville, IL. We will leave early Saturday June 1 and return late Sunday June 2. Lodging will be provided by local churches. All levels of skill are welcome. If interested please contact Fred Mitchell, fmitchell435@aol.com or Matt Lisle, kidflatlander@gmail.com

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — Wednesday, May 22 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 Nine. Matthew 18:15-20; 28:16-20. Led by Sandra Kappmeyer.

CRAFTERS NEEDED— Winter is probably the last thing you want to think about right now, but we have a Christkindlmarket next December 7 to prepare for, and I have a request. This year, we'd like to expand the number and variety of crafters and vendors. If you attend any local craft/art fair events this summer and come across an artisan whose work you think would make a good addition to our Market, please request contact information from them and share that with either the church office or Sandra Kappmeyer skappzan@aol.com or (585) 662-9082. Thank you!

EVENTS PLANNING — With upcoming fundraising events that I have volunteered to help organize and or lead, I wanted to form an "Events Planning Committee". I am new-ish to the church and the area and would love to hear some tips and advice on events moving forward. My hope is to form a network of people that have talents or services they are willing to offer. The goal would be that we can all work together to ensure more successful events in our church and community. I hope to see you all at our first meet-up on Thursday June 6 at 7pm. Regards, Brooke Woodham

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

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship

Monday

5:15 pm Volleyball
6:30 pm Theology on Tap
7:30 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

6:30 pm acaBELLA Ringers
7:00 pm Session Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Saturday

9:00 am All Church Work Day

Sunday

9:00 am Confirmation Class
9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
11:15 am Mission Committee Meeting
2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia
5:00 pm Stewardship Auction

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Lynda Nadkarni

Ushers: Patti Perry and Elizabeth Musick

Andrew Minister: Charlie Juister

Flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Robert and Carolyn Hamilton, parents of Ellen Hamilton.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by the Worship and Music Committee.

Trustee of the Month: Patti Perry

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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