

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

Sept. 8, 2019 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Childcare is available for children through  
preschool in the upstairs childcare room.

Sunday School for children K-5 takes place after  
the Time with Children.

\* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

\* 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

*Adagio in C for Glasharmonika*

Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

**God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.**

Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

**Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of redemption.**

Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

**The Spirit gathers us together that we might**

**dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.**

\* HYMN 181

*Come Sing to God*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER



*Danced in the Morning*

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

We would sing praises to you, Composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people. Forgive us, Giver of every blessing. Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world. Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ. (Silent prayers)

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

447 We Are Forgiven

\* SUNG RESPONSE

The musical notation is for the song 'We Are Forgiven' in G major, 3/4 time. It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.' The chords indicated above the notes are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

**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

Psalm 30  
2 Samuel 6:12-19

MEDITATION

\* HYMN 302

*I Danced in the Morning*

**WE RESPOND**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*With a Voice of Singing*

Shaw

\* SUNG RESPONSE

**609 Praise God, from Whom  
All Blessings Flow**

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
 high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
 God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
 one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Chords: D, A, D, Bm, A, D, G, D, Bm, E, A, D, D, G, A, D, Em, A, Bm, Em, D, G, A, Em, G, A, D

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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.**

## WE DEPART

\* HYMN

# Sing a New Song unto the Lord 276

(Psalm 98)

*Refrain*

Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be  
sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song  
un - to the Lord, sing - ing hal - le - lu - jah!

1 Shout with glad - ness! Dance for joy! O come be -  
2 Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior  
3 Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry

fore the Lord. And play for God on  
now has come. He has turned your  
of the Lord. The trum - pet sounds; the  
glad tam - bou - rines, and let your trum - pet sound.  
sor - row to joy, and filled your soul with song.  
dead shall be raised. I know my Sav - ior lives.

*Fine*

*to Refrain*

\* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

arr. Behnke

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FALL PICNIC – TODAY** – It's time to celebrate the return of Sunday School and Youth Group with an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship immediately following worship. We will be grilling hot dogs, rain or shine, and if the weather permits, eating outside.



### **FREE COMMUNITY PICNIC—TODAY**

The community is invited to join us for our picnic today at 11:15 am in lieu of the 5:00 pm dinner. All are welcome!

**GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS**— To support the music ministry, please sponsor one (or more) in honor or in memory of a friend or family member. What a nice way to thank someone for their dedication to RPC! Forms are available outside the office or you may email Lynda Nadkarni at [lmn@floros.org](mailto:lmn@floros.org) for online ordering/payment instructions. The ordering deadline is today.

**OKTOBERFEST!** – Our Fall fundraising Oktoberfest is coming up on Saturday, September 14 from 3 pm to 8 pm on the lawn at RPC. There will be beer, brats, hot dogs, games, raffles and a silent auction. Join us for an afternoon of family fun featuring a cupcake challenge tent, sack races, egg toss, 3 legged races, corn hole and various yard games. Tickets: \$20 adult (pre-purchased) or \$25 adult at the door and \$10 child. Ticket includes ALL food and beverages! Drop off childcare and activities provided by Bilssful Owl. Purchase tickets at: <https://oktoberfestrpc.brownpapertickets.com> or at the church office. Sponsors include Quincy Street Distillery, Riverside Foods, Buckle Down Brewing and Nest.



**GIFT CARDS** — We are seeking donations of gift cards from local shops of all sorts (restaurants, candy, pet items, grooming or other services, etc.) to help us make up our raffle baskets. Talk to Ellen for ideas so we can avoid duplicates. A big “Danke Schoën!” for your help!

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY Donation for the week:** Canned green beans, corn and tomatoes. Financial donations are always appreciated. The Little Food Pantry is changing lives. Thank you for your help! Thank you to the Riverside Township for their grant of \$1,000 for the Little Food Pantry! On Saturday morning, September 21, at Hauser Jr. High's parking lot, the Township will host a Shredding Event. Participants are invited to bring non-perishable items for our Little Food Pantry. The event will run from 9 AM to noon; we need help transporting donations.

**SHARE THE HARVEST Gardeners** — Crops are coming in, and the need has never been greater. Please bring the bounty of your garden to church on Sunday or Monday morning. A box will be left on the bench by the church office. THANK YOU!

**NOTE FROM TRUSTEES** — Please lock all exterior doors when you leave the church. Doors have been left unlocked overnight. If in doubt, lock the door!

**MIDDLE & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS** — Calling all teenagers and their parents! We are meeting Sunday, September 15 after worship to discuss our exciting plans for Middle & Senior High Youth Group. This is an organizational meeting, we want to hear from you as to what meeting times work best; there will also be FOOD!!

**HUMAN SCENE** — is discussing the Book of Ecclesiastes, Sundays at 9:00 am in the Parlor.

**5TH SUNDAY WORSHIP AS MISSION**—Sunday, September 29. We will gather at RPC at 9:30 am and carpool to the Boulevard. There will be activities for all ages and physical abilities. More information will be in next week's bulletin.

**CARERS SEPTEMBER TRUNK** — BEDS-Plus in LaGrange, which provides safe overnight shelter and services to homeless people. Please donate: Decaf Ground coffee, drink mixes—lemonade, cider, cocoa, napkins, paper towels, dish detergent, 13 & 30-gallon garbage bags.

**2020 CHURCH TRIP June 12-June 24, 2020** — We are traveling to Turkey and Greece. For more information, talk to Reverend Jackson.

**RINGERS AND SINGERS — FIRST REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18** Since 2006 RPC has been home to two children's choirs: The Riverside Ringers and the Riverside Singers. We meet Wednesdays during the school year from 4:15 – 5:15. Children from ages 5 – 12 are welcome to join our group. We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us [musikhse@comcast.net](mailto:musikhse@comcast.net) or 708-822-0655.

### Pet Blessing

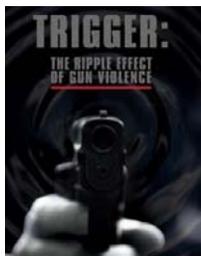


**BLESSING THE ANIMAL SERVICE** — This year we are joining with our friends from Ascension Lutheran Church for a joint Blessing of the Animals Service, Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 pm at RPC. Please bring your lawn chair and your pet or a photo of your pet.

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** — If you have garden flowers, please consider choosing a Sunday to provide flowers for our sanctuary. Contact the church office to make arrangements.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS** —This year marks the Preschool's 50<sup>th</sup> year! Our fabulous staff consisting of Michelle Cronin, Joan Kanatas, and Julie Wert, will all be returning this year. We're excited for the new preschool year to begin! This year we have added an optional enrichment program that extends the Preschool day until 1:20 pm. Children will bring their lunches, and the learning and fun will continue with a project-based curriculum. We love our new colorful sign outside the office! Thank you!

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**— Consider signing up to host in September or October.



**THEOLOGY ON TAP** Video Series during September. We will view documentary shorts followed by discussion. We will meet in the upstairs parlor. Reservations are needed as we are catering the meal. The cost is \$10 per person. If you would like to join us for conversation and not eat you are welcome to attend.

**Monday, Sept 9 – 6:30** - *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* is a documentary that frames gun violence as a Disaster and Public Health issue by taking an in depth look at how one shooting impacts individuals, families and communities, while also giving voice to the questions and insights that arise from these conversations. In the

documentary, all those scarred by gun violence eventually arrived at the same question: "Why...Why did this happen to us?" After looking at these in depth experiences of gun violence "Trigger turns its attention to the bigger question: "What can we do to prevent gun violence?"

**Monday, Sept 16 - 6:30 pm** - *Locked in a Box* is an award-winning short documentary that follows the stories of individuals held in the U.S. Immigration detention system and those who visit them. The film traces the lives of individuals who fled their homelands in search of safety and freedom only to end up in U.S. prisons under a mandatory bed quota system run by Immigration Customs & Enforcement (ICE). Since the 1990's there has been a massive expansion of the immigration detention system up to 34,000 immigrants in detention on any given day in approximately 200 different facilities, many of which are for-profit prisons. "Locked in a Box" helps strip away the political rhetoric to see the human cost of detention.

**Monday, Sept 23 – 6:30** *To Breathe Free* . "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." *To Breathe Free* follows the 5-year journey of a Syrian family fleeing the war in Homs to the refugee camps in Jordan and starting a new life in Washington, D.C. Using home movies, phone video, family photos and interviews with family members and former refugees, this short documentary gives an intimate and unique perspective not seen in current media reporting on the refugee crisis. *To Breathe Free* captures the intersection of individual narratives from a family fleeing the Vietnam War in 1970, to the Syrian Conflict in 2017, to the families who help create a new home in our nation's capital, giving voice to our common humanity and the struggle that binds people together.

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAY — Saturday, September 21, 9-11 am:** Outdoor or indoor tasks.



**SAVE THE DATE — October 25:** Trivia—Halloween Theme

**THIS WEEK****Today**

10:00 am Worship  
 10:15 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Fellowship  
 5:00 pm Free Community Dinner

**Monday**

5:30 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  
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

6:30 am Women's Forum

**Saturday**

12:30 pm Oktoberfest

**Sunday**

9:00 am Human Scene  
 10:00 am Worship  
 10:15 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Fellowship  
 11:00 am Middle & Sr. High Youth  
 Group Meeting  
 2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Liturgist:** Doug Asbury

**Ushers:** Elizabeth Musick and Marilyn Slanec

**Flowers** are given by Gwen and Mike Heine in celebration of their anniversary.

**Fellowship Time** is the Fall Family Picnic.

**Trustees of the Month:** Hank Vogel and Thom DeVries

**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		

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**Our 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.