

Riverside Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2019 ~ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare for children through preschool is available upstairs.

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE PREPARE

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND 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

God, the Sculptor of the Mountains

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

From the moment we open our eyes each morning,
until we close them at night, God is with us.

There is no one like you, our God!

In times when we are surrounded with struggles,
in all the surprising places we find hope, Jesus is with us.

There is no one like you, our Brother!

When we feel orphaned by the world,
when we are welcomed into faith's family,
the Holy Spirit is with us.

There is no one like you, Witnessing Spirit!

* HYMN 71

Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Insolently we turn against you, God of truth. When we follow those desires that control us; when we live for ourselves, shutting off the gifts of those around us; when we think we do not need to share love, hope, peace with others, we show how we have joined that league of hooligans who ignore your way of life.

Yet, you have chosen to adopt us as your children, God-who-stands-with-us, forgiving us and making us inheritors with Jesus of your grace and joy. So lead us by the Spirit, that we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into creation which groans for love and healing.

(Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* SUNG RESPONSE 447

We Are Forgiven

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1.26-28, 31a; John 3.1-8, 13-17; Romans 8.1-17

SONG FOR REFLECTION

Strangers

The Kinks

Where are you going, I don't mind
I've killed my world and I've killed my time
So where do I go? What will I see?
I see many people coming after me
So where are you going to, I don't mind
If I live too long I'm afraid I'll die
So I will follow you wherever you go
If your offered hand is still open to me

Strangers on this road we are on
We are not two, we are one

So you've been where I've just come
From the land that brings losers on
So we will share this road we walk
And mind our mouths and beware our talk
'Til peace we find, tell you what I'll do
All the things I own I will share with you
And, if I feel tomorrow like I feel today
We'll take what we want and give the rest away

Strangers on this road we are on
We are not two, we are one

Holy man and holy priest
This love of life makes me weak at my knees
And when we get there, make your play
'Cause soon I fear you're gonna carry us away

And a promised lie you made us believe
For many men there is so much grief
And my mind is proud but it aches with rage
And, if I live too long I'm afraid I'll die

Strangers on this road we are on
We are not two, we are one
Strangers on this road we are on
We are not two, we are one

Songwriter: Dave Davies; Strangers lyrics © Warner Chappell Music, Inc.

MEDITATION

* HYMN 490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Love One Another

Bell

* SUNG RESPONSE 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE)

Go forth as God's children.

We will greet everyone as part of the family.

Go forth as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

We will serve everyone we meet, especially those who have been thrown aside by the world.

Go forth to cultivate and utilize the gifts of the Spirit that are within you.

We will live as that hope which everyone longs to see and invite others to do the same.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

by Matthias

Portions of today's service liturgy were published or adapted from material developed by the Rev. Thom M. Shuman and were used by permission.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thank you to Rev. Douglas Asbury for filling our pulpit this morning.

Liturgist: Matt Lisle

Ushers: Martha Heine and Susan Lynch

Fellowship Time is the Free Community Dinner.

Flowers are given in memory of my beloved nephew, Myles Robert Hamilton, by Ellen Hamilton.

Trustees of the Month: Fred Mitchell and Doug Harvin

Thank you to Jimmie Sit and Tim Bulster for joining today's Ministry of Music.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



TEAM TRIVIA NIGHT RETURNS!

Friday, October 25

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Trivia starts at 6:30 p.m.

You are encouraged to wear a Halloween Costume!

Cash Prizes, a Halloween Costume Contest, a Gift Package Raffle, a 50/50 Raffle, Fair ways to "CHEAT" by purchasing mulligans!

Fill a table! Entry Fee: \$160 per table (\$20 per person) for teams of 8 people.

To reserve a table, contact Dennis Cobb at dlc0906@gmail.com or the church office. If you can't fill a table on your own, let Dennis know and we'll have a running list from which teams will be created.

You're invited to bring snacks and drinks for your table.

FREE COMMUNITY DINNER TODAY, 11:30 AM To increase participation in our monthly Community Dinner, we are inviting the community to join us at fellowship time once a month. The first such Community Dinner will be today at 11:30 am. All are welcome!



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. Please put fresh produce in the social hall refrigerator. THANK YOU!

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

GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS — Our new hymnals are in the sanctuary! You can support the music ministry by sponsoring 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 for online ordering/payment instructions.



Connie Kelly will turn an old hymnal in to a beautiful work of Art for a \$10 donation to the hymnal project. You can contact her at consueloak@sbcglobal.net or 708-772-1767.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY Donation for the week: Instant oatmeal and trail mix.

CARERS CORNER OCTOBER— This autumn the CARERS trunk will be ready and waiting for donations of nonperishable foods. Remember - NO glass jars or flimsy plastic cups. They're breakable. The contributions will be distributed to local food pantries.

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — meets **Wednesday, October 23** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome. Come for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "*Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? The purpose of Lesson Three is to understand the gift of Sabbath and to recover a sense of the sacred urgency of Sabbath-keeping for human life and the created order. Lesson Three led by Sylvia Schade. Scripture: Exodus 20:8-18; Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Mark 2:23-28.

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

COMPANIONS JOURNEYING TOGETHER is a prison ministry which consists of sending Christmas cards to prisoners. There are packs of 10 cards located on a table by the CARERS trunk. Please take one or more packs and follow the GUIDELINES listed with the cards. Deadline is Sunday, October 27.

PRESCHOOL NEWS— Preschool has gotten off to a great start! We have been apple picking at a neighbor's apple tree. This month we will also visit the Brookfield Zoo to hear from a zoo keeper about our adopted Zebra, Mypa, practice fire safety with a Riverside firefighter, and sing Halloween songs to residents at Cantata.

For our Enrichment Program this month we are exploring squirrels and acorns. We visited the library to look at squirrel and acorn books, have gone on acorn hunts and observed squirrels.

CRAFTERS —Do you weave, sew, knit or create other crafts? If so, please consider making something to donate to the RPC table at the Christkindlmarkt, which will be held on Saturday, December 7. Items can be brought to the office the week before the sale. Also, we are in search of pinecones. If you have any we can have or I can come to collect, please contact Sandy Kappmeyer at skappzan@aol.com (585) 882-9082. Contact me with questions.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:30 am 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

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:00 pm Session Meeting
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Fellowship
11:15 am Nominating Committee
2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia

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<https://vimeo.com/riversidepresbyterian>

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.

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2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

	2019	2020	2021
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