



Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

April 28, 2019  
Jazz Sunday

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

*Sing Unto the Lord*

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Praise God with clapping hands;  
praise God with hands comforting a child.

**Praise God with silent hearts;**

**praise God with hearts broken for the world.**

Praise God with electric guitars;

praise God with soft piano chords.

**Praise God with be-bop and hip-hop;**

**praise God with rhythms that don't stop.**

Praise God with a hallelujah chorus;

praise God with a Gregorian chant.

**Praise God with dancing steps;**

**praise God with feet walking for justice.**

\* HYMN 113

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

\* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

**O Risen Christ, be with us this day. We recognize your wounded hands; they tell us that you know what it is to struggle and suffer, and to prevail in the power of love.**

**We grasp those hands, that they may lead us together into a deeper place of peace. Our week has left worries, answerless questions, blatant injustices, and unexpected disappointments.**

**We are weary.**

**Come, O Risen Christ and receive our burdens as we empty our cares into your loving hands. Extend to us your joy.**

**Give us imagination enough to pursue your abundant life! Pour into us the freshness of your new life; for you are our strength and our might. How wonderful you are for your loving-kindness toward us. Alleluia! 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 150  
Revelation 1:4-8

MEDITATION

\* HYMN

*We Are Called*

# 749 Come! Live in the Light!

## We Are Called

G C D G

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the  
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your  
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

C D Em

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called  
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called  
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

Em7 C G Am7

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the  
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and  
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

G C Dsus D

free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
 vio - lence will be no more.  
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

*Refrain*

G C D C D G C

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

D Em Em7 C D

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

C D G C D C G

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

## WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

*Psalm 150*

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him,  
all creatures here below; praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND 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 420

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*When the Saints Go Marching In*

A special welcome to Andrew Tecson and his jazz musician colleagues. 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. Some of his compositions are the Jazz Psalms, the Chicago Jazz Mass, and more recently, with his fellow musicians Bobby Schiff and Bobby Lewis, a Jazz Passion. All of these works have been performed in regional churches and beyond. A special treat to enjoy is the opportunity to hear the members of this talented ensemble improvise individually on their instruments: Andy Tecson, saxophone; Bobby Schiff, piano; Larry Gray, bass; Jerry Coleman, drums; Ken Jandes, saxophone; Kirk Garrison, trumpet; and Kecia Waldschmidt, vocalist.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** — April 29 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.



**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 today and Sunday May 5 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!

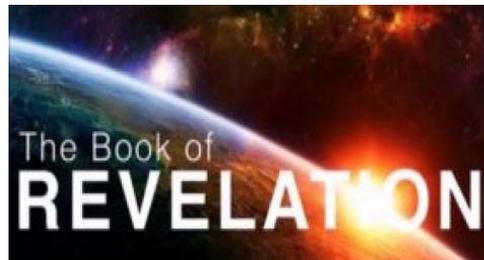
**A SERMON SERIES ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION** Here is what you need to know. The author: Four times the author identifies himself as John. Justin Martyr in the second century suggested it was John the Apostle; most scholars today do not believe this to be the case. All we know is that the author was 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.

**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!

**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.

**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. In May, we will be collecting for the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187. A comprehensive list will be posted next to the CARERS 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 5 —Jesus Heals Two Blind Men**

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the May -June Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.

**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. Walk-ins welcome. Donors should bring identification showing your name, date of birth, and one of the following information items: social security identification, driver's license, state ID, or passport. For more information or to schedule a donation, call 877-258-4825.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**—The next Friday Night Fellowship will be May 10, 7:00 pm at Jon and Deb Jansky’s house ( 390 Audubon Road, Riverside). 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. Over 50 organizations will have representatives on hand to provide information and services, including the Illinois Secretary of State’s Mobile Services Unit to provide ID cards, vision screening, duplicate photo ID’s and driver’s license renewals. For more information, call 708-442-5515.

**LIONS CHICKEN DINNER** — The Riverside Township Lions Club is hosting their annual Chicken Dinner today from 11:30 am—5:30 pm at the Riverside Town Hall, 2nd floor auditorium. \$13 for adults, \$6 for children, all you can eat fried chicken, coleslaw, mashed potatoes, corn, bread and light refreshments. Tickets available at the door. Carry-outs also offered.

**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?

## *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

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

office. **Please sign up by May 12, 2019! Thank you!** You can pick up your seedling(s) on May 18.

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

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

**Monday**

6:30 pm Theology on Tap

**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**

Confirmation Retreat

**Sunday**

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

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Liturgist:** Doug Asbury

**Ushers:** Steve Marcus and Paula McCracken

**Andrew Ministers:** Patti Perry and Susan Lynch

**Coffee Fellowship** is hosted by Bryan and Susan Zander.

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

**Thank you** to Andy Tecson, saxophone; Bobby Schiff, piano; Larry Gray, bass; Jerry Coleman, drums; Ken Jandes, saxophone; Kirk Garrison, trumpet; and Kecia Waldschmidt, vocalist 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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