

Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2020 ~ Second Sunday of Lent

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.

Holy Moments: Celebrating the Gifts of Life

Bless to me, O God,
Each thing my eye sees;

Bless to me, O God,
Each sound my ear hears;

Bless to me, O God,
Each odor that goes into my nostrils;

Bless to me, O God,
Each taste that goes to my lips;
Each note that goes to my song,
Each ray that guides my way,
Each thing that I pursue,
Each leisure,
Each lure that tempts my will,
The zeal that keeps my living soul,

The Three that seek my heart,
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-Carmina Gadelica, III, 33



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

Ezekiel Saw the Wheel

arr. Burkhardt

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

All creation, all people: praise the Lord!

stars shooting across the sky,

sing glad songs to our God!

Snow clouds approaching, birds sitting on a branch:

praise the Lord!

Sleeping cats and barking dogs,

sing new choruses of praise!

Rich and poor, leaders and followers:

praise the Lord!

Old and young, families and singles,

we will lift our joy to our God!

* HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**How can we forget them, Calling God, those who have been
thrown aside by the world, those whose cries are no longer heard by
the powerful? How can we judge them, those who make choices with**

which we disagree, those who are so different from us? How can we still follow the hurlers of angry words, the purveyors of prejudice?

Continue to teach us better ways of living and doing, God of grace. You gather us from our foolishness, so we might be led into acts of mercy. You redeem us from our mistakes so we might bend down and feed those who hunger for hope. Your compassion, so warm and tender, is gifted to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray.

Silence is kept

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

SUNG RESPONSE 702 VERSE 1

Christ Be Beside Me



WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

ANTHEM

You Shall Have a Song

Ziegenhals

Children through fifth grade may leave for Sunday School

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 148
Luke 12:22-31

MEDITATION

* HYMN 661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?



WE RESPOND

MINUTE FOR MISSION

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

Walcha

* SUNG RESPONSE 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

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 37

Let All Things Now Living

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

The Irish Blessing

Bacak

POSTLUDE

Toccata in am

Sweelinck



PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Susan Lynch

Ushers: Christine and James Long

Sunday School Teachers: Aimee Sahlas and Brooke Woodham

Fellowship Time is the Community Dinner after worship.

Trustees of the Month: Brad Staubus and Henry Vogel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent & Easter Schedule 2020

- ◆ **Worship**—Join us as we explore Celtic Christian. Many Celtic practices have roots in desert spirituality; Celtic monks considered the teachings of the desert mothers and fathers essential wisdom. Celtic pre-Christian culture, dating back to 500 B.C.E., permeated the land, and these beliefs also strongly influenced Celtic spiritual practices. As a result, much of Celtic Christianity can be characterized by a strongly incarnational theology: The natural world, in particular, reveals the creator.
- ◆ **Palm Sunday**, April 5 will be filled with the joyous procession of Palms & the Ringers & Singers.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday**, April 9, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service focused on the Stations of the Cross. Our service will conclude with communion.
- ◆ **Easter Sunrise Service**, April 12, Sunrise service will be led by the Reverend Doug Asbury followed by a light breakfast.
- ◆ **Easter Worship Service** will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.
- ◆ **Jazz Sunday**, April 19 will feature Andrew Tecson and his jazz musician colleagues.

VISUAL BLESSINGS—You are invited to take photos of God’s everyday blessings or things that remind you of the holy. Email them to Dale at pastor@rpcusa.org. Your pictures will be used on Easter Sunday.



THEOLOGY ON TAP—Hope in the Middle of the Climate Crisis—As news coverage of the climate crisis continues to grow, do you or any of your family members ever feel a sense of despair? Do you feel the problem is so immense and you can't possibly make a difference? Beginning Monday, March 2, we will explore what is happening with the

global climate, how it is impacting us here and now, and we will look at the rise of climate-induced grief. We will also look at sources of good news that can motivate our behavior and we will discover that, yes, we can do something — many things in fact —and as a community of faith, our Creator is calling us to act. Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Social Hall. Please RSVP to the office.

Mission Work @ RPC



FREE COMMUNITY DINNER SUNDAY MARCH 8, AFTER WORSHIP — Join the Mission Committee in bringing a dish to share. Invite anyone who would enjoy a free meal and good conversation. All are welcome!

CARERS TRUNK — Donations are for The Little Food Pantry. Canned soups, meats and vegetables are needed.



MISSION CO-WORKERS—As part of the General Budget we support Jed & Jenny Koball. They assist the Peru Joining Hands Network (JHN). JHN is an initiative of the Presbyterian Hunger Program that addresses root causes of hunger in partnership with networks of churches and non-governmental organizations. Together, Jed and Jenny also host PC(USA) church groups to educate them about the issues being addressed by JHN as well as to involve them through hands-on service in the local efforts of the NGOs and churches of the network.

FIFTH SUNDAY— Q: Why is the only Fifth Sunday on August 30 when we have three other months with a fifth week in 2020?

A: The other three fall on Church holidays — Lent, Epiphany and Advent. What that means for March 29 is that you should expect Lenten worship in the sanctuary at 10 am. That also means ushers, Sunday School teachers, flowers, and coffee hour hosts. You can volunteer for any of them by contacting the office at rpcoffice@rpcusa.org or 708-447-1520.



PRESCHOOL RAFFLE AND BOOK FAIR —The Raffle and Book Fair will run through Wednesday, March 11. We have many fabulous baskets!! The Book Fair will be open and the raffle baskets will be on display after worship today. The Raffle drawing will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, March 11. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. The raffle basket list is in the office and on the bulletin board.

Thanks for your continued support!!

EASTER MEMORIALS—See enclosed flyer for information about ordering Easter plants and memorials.

FEBRUARY SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

- Elder training continued by viewing a video based on the book "Your Iceberg Is Melting", which focused on how to manage change.
 - approved engaging Holy Cow Consultants to conduct a "vital signs" survey of RPC
 - elected Elizabeth Musick, Dennis Zander and Sandra Kappmeyer as Commissioners to Presbytery
 - approved the baptism of Eleanor Victoria Zeman on April 19
 - received, with regret, the resignation from membership of the Dluhy family, who have moved to Indiana.
 - approved increasing the Preschool tuition from \$220 to \$225 per month.
- Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

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, chocolate chips, hot cocoa and new chocolates). Proceeds go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

OFFICE CLOSED—The office will be closed Wednesday, March 11 and Thursday, March 12. The deadline for bulletin articles this week is Monday, March 9 by noon.

REVEREND JACKSON OUT—Reverend Jackson will be away for continuing education March 9-14.

LIGHTS IN SANCTUARY—Please turn the dimmer switches completely off when leaving the sanctuary.

Christian Education



2020 SPRING SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE—

Teachers needed! Please sign up.

March 8	Jesus Washes Feet—John 13:1-17
March 15	Jesus Breaks the Bread—Mark 14:12-26
March 22 & 29	No Class—Spring Break

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets Sunday, March 8 at 9:00 am.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
10:15 am Sunday School
11:00 am Free Community Meal
11:15 am Support & Endowment
Committee Meeting

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
7:30 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
11:15 am Fellowship
11:15 am Informational Meeting on
Greece-Turkey Trip
2:00 pm Worship at Caledonia

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Sermons available at
<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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2020 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2020 Frank Gangware Lynda Nadkarni Dennis Zander	2021 Gwen Heine Allan Halline Matt Lisle	2022 Ben Dickerson Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Lloyd Bradbury Charlie Juister Sally Sloane Jeanne Smith	Deb Jansky Wendy Seifert Joyce Van Cura	Claire Gangware Sylvia Schade Susanne Vogel
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