

Riverside Presbyterian Church

April 24, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Tiento from Suite Médiévale* Langlais

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:1-4,19-23, 28-29; adapted from
The Message)

L: Thank God for God is good; God is good because God's love never quits!

P: People of God Go, tell the world that "God's love never quits."

L: And you rabbis, imams, priests, and pastors, tell the world "God's love never quits."

P: And everyone else who respects - or even who fears God- let them join in: "God's love never quits."

L: I am praying God, begging! Open wide the gates of righteousness! Righteousness- blamelessness- is YOUR gate. And because YOU opened this gate, I'll walk right through it, grateful, happy, relieved.

P: Thank you God, for answering me and saving me! Thank you, Jesus, for not quitting when we rejected you. Thank you for making your love the connecting stone between our own walls and God's. This is the Spirit's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes, and we can hardly believe it!

L: This opening of gates, this zeal for blamelessness, this building Christ made through his own will and his own body, for goodness, for wellness, and for community, is God's house.

P: This is GOD's victorious work. Let's celebrate and have a party because God has given us free and full lives! We are blessed when we enter God's gates in the name of rightness and love. From God's house we bless you!

L: God, you are my God. I will thank you. God you are my God. I will worship you.

P: O give thanks to God, for God is good, because God's love never quits.

*HYMN #246

Christ Is Alive!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal & Almighty Love, in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ, you have shattered the earthly reign of sin and death. And yet we still shackle ourselves and others, even though we hate feeling bound. We still doubt and fear. We still overlook the poor and hungry. We still too often abandon the lost, alone, and bereaved. And somehow, we are still skeptical or indifferent to the cries of injustice. We shame the weak or injured. We steal, or hoard, what is to be shared. You give abundantly, we perceive scarcity. And still, you call us. You continue to love us. Every second, you create opportunities to do a new thing and be a new creation. Forgive us our dread of change. Help us to see, desire, and trust your power- so that through Christ, we may know the joy of the resurrection, and through the Holy Spirit our real lives are changed, on earth as they will be in heaven. (Silence is kept.)

All of this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE (Acts 2:17,21)

L: Hear the good news of God's presence and promise: "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Peace be with you.

P: Glory to God, the Highest! Thanks be to God, and God's peace be also with you!

*The GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

MINI MESSAGE & PRESCHOOL SONGS

Children preschool-5th grade may meet Mrs. Nadkarni and Ms. Kelly in the narthex after the Anthem for a special activity.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Living God, we receive and celebrate with joy the presence of your risen Word. Open our minds and quicken our hearts so that we may proclaim with zeal and efficacy the good news that your love never quits. All this we pray through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

ANTHEM

Praise Him, Alleluia!

Butler

L: Hear the Word of the Lord: it is our testimony for the church from Jesus, the Alpha and Omega; from Jesus, our beginning and end.

The Reading of the Word of the Lord Revelation 1:1-8 NT p. 245

P: We are witnesses to these things.

MEDITATION ON EASTER "Short-Timers"

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR VINCENT LORENZ TAGLIERE

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #249 *Because You Live, O Christ*

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE HYMN #515, v. 5 *I Come With Joy*

POSTLUDE *Entrée from Suite Médiévale* Langlais

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Tiento from Suite Médiévale*; Langlais

Anthem: *Praise Him, Alleluia!*; Butler

Postlude: *Entrée from Suite Médiévale*; Langlais

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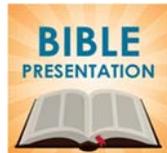


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APRIL 24, 2022

150,000 IN OUR 150TH YEAR —We're actively fundraising for the ministry and mission of RPC with a goal of \$150,000 in our 150th year. Some people are giving \$5 a week = \$260 for the year. Others are choosing a one time gift. This photo represents \$6,000 worth of envelopes, a recent anonymous donation from a local resident who is not a member of RPC. She was so impressed with the work we are doing with refugees that she wanted to provide enough money for us to immediately co-sponsor another family!



BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY is May 15 during worship. All kids 2nd grade (or older) who have not received a Bible are invited to be part of this special day. Please email or call Lynda Nadkarni for more information.

RUMMAGE SALE FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT—

RPC will hold an area wide rummage sale on May 14 from 9:00am - 2:00pm with all proceeds to support refugees. Drop off of household items and decor (no clothing or bedding) will be Sunday, May 8 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday, May 9 from 10:00am - 2:00pm and Tuesday, May 10 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. To volunteer to assist with drop off or day of, email missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org.



SUNCATCHER FUNDRAISER—As part of our effort to raise \$150,000 in honor of our 150 years of ministry, anyone who donates a minimum of \$25 is welcome to choose a suncatcher made by Blenko Glass Company of Milton, West Virginia featuring a design by our own Bryan Zander. Each one is a unique combination of colors and highlights. A limited number of suncatchers were created, and only around 30 remain to be claimed. Take a look at those displayed in the Social Hall, and after you've donated, choose yours to take home and catch some sun!



ELLEN AWAY —Ellen will be out of the office April 21-May 9.

Lynn Shannon Labotka
Will Vogel
Ruth and Frank Svestka
Harriet Kweton
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith

Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Monica and James Wood
Bill Mudra, father of Lynda Nadkarni
Jana Bennett Stewart, siser of Joyce Van Cura



WEDDING SUNDAY @ RPC MAY 22 AT 10:00 AM— If you were married at RPC, we hope you celebrate with us in any of these ways! Submit a wedding photo, along with names and dates for a slideshow to www.rpcoffice@rpcusa.org, attend worship in person for an affirmation of your vows, share a photo on our facebook page www.facebook.com/riverpreschurch, contribute equivalent to your anniversary years to help support our ongoing ministry and mission. Give via mail or online at rpcusa.org
Questions? Lynda Nadnarki, missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org

SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom. Here is the link you can click in order to join our session, as well as the passcode you will be asked to type in when the box opens requesting it: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676>
[pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **4/24**—Susan Cottrell—Why I chose my LGBTQ daughter over the Evangelical Church
5/1 —David Ikard - The dangers of whitewashing Black history

PRESCHOOL NEWS—We're so happy to be going on field trips again! Last week students created a dish out of clay with staff at Riverside Arts Center. Next week, we'll head to Brookfield Zoo to meet our adopted animal Cinnamon the Llama.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—Did you know Riverside Foods is now offering produce to RPC twice a week? If you are able to help with pick up any Tuesday or Thursday morning, contact Deb Jansky 708-822-9557 or newhorizons002@gmail.com to sign up.



FAITH FORMATION —What would Easter be without a hunt for eggs? These smarties solved the riddles to find the clues leading them to a big basket of eggs for them and the story told through Resurrection Eggs. The last Faith Formation for K-5th grade will be May 1 at 11:00 am.

THEOLOGY ON TAP — is on break.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the May-June Upper Room are available in the sanctuary and in the rack outside the office.



ALHAFFAR FAMILY NEWS— The AlHaffar family has been sharing Ramadan with us so we shared Easter with them.



The **WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, April 27 at 10:30 am in the upstairs parlor. Sylvia Schade is scheduled to lead us in Lesson 8 of the book "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". If you cannot attend in person, here is the log in information: <https://zoom.us/j/98513169535pwd=SU9RZDJ2Vm42QkRzTmJHOUtMhcvQT09>
Meeting ID: 985 1316 9535, Passcode: 899045, Dial by your location 1(312) 626-6799

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeters: Brad and Jill McClain

Liturgist: Elizabeth Musick

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers: are given by the Sloane/Kazarian family with gratitude for the opportunity to serve RPC for the past 18 years.

Fellowship is hosted by the Preschool.

Trustees of the Month: Henry Vogel and Will Vogel

THIS WEEK**Today**

10:00 am Worship-Baptism &
Preschool Sunday
11:00 am Fellowship
6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

10:30 am Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm AcaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum

Sunday

10:00 am Worship with Communion
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am K-5 Grade Faith Formation
6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

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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.

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2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

	2022	2023	2024
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