

Welcome to  
**Riverside**  
**Presbyterian Church**

March 26, 2023  
5th Sunday in Lent

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children  
through 1st grade after the Mini  
Message.

\*Indicates please stand in body or  
Spirit.



**All are invited to share gifts in the offering plates located at the end of the aisles before worship. The plates will be brought forward prior to the Doxology.**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

PRELUDE

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

arr. Hustad

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

**And also with you.**

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to worship God.

**People: God who makes bones dance.**

Leader: God who calls Lazarus from the grave.

**People: God who forgives and gives us hope.**

\*HYMN #187

*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison) (based on Psalm 130)

**Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voices and let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications. We come into your presence confessing our sins, aware we have behaved in ways that are contrary to your desire for our living. We come into your presence aware that too often we allow lifelessness to gain the upper hand. We come into your presence aware that we put our trust in our own abilities. Forgive us, O God. Infuse us with your life-giving spirit. Breathe into us and make us come alive. (Silence is kept.)**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*THE GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

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

MINI MESSAGE

Children first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter for more information or directions.

## **WE HEAR GOD'S WORD**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Our souls wait for the Lord and in God's Word we hope. We wait for the Divine Word to envelop and guide us. We wait for the creating word to give us life and bring nourishment to our parched souls. Our souls wait for the Lord and in God's Word we hope.**

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-10

OT p. 806

SECOND READING

John 11:17-27; 38-44

NT p. 105

**OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE**

\*HYMN #218

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

**Jesus announced the coming of God’s kingdom and its hidden presence amid the world’s kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God’s kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God’s kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world.**

**Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God’s kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.**

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

*He Never Said a Mumbalin’ Word*

arr. Hobson

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS (unison)

**O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, as you use us, to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

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.**

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #169

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

\*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Toccata in A Minor*

Marcello

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Thank you** to Rev. Jorge Morales for leading worship today.

**Greeter:** Wendy Seifert

**Liturgist:** Cooper Sahlas

**Mini Message:** Connie Kelly

**Fellowship** today is hosted by Susan Lynch.

**Trustees of the Month:** Henry Vogel and Debra Jansky

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

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Liturgy written by Sharon Core for The Presbyterian Outlook.



## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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**MARCH 26, 2023**

**TODAY WE WELCOME REV. DR. JORGE MORALES** —Rev. Dr. Morales is the former Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ (retired June 2018). Prior to that, he was Illinois Conference, Associate Conference Minister for Stewardship and New Church Development. For ten years he served as Senior Pastor at the First Congregational Church of Chicago. Additionally, Pastor Morales has contributed to the establishment and founding of a number of church and community-based institutions. He holds a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary. In 1973-75, while a student at McCormick, he helped establish and later coordinated the Hispanic Ministries Program. His spouse, Martha M. Mendoza is the Christian Education, Youth Ministry Director at the First Congregational Church of Elmhurst. They live in Elmhurst IL and have four children.

**LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE** — On Maundy Thursday, April 6, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for a bread and soup supper.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations; and we will partake in communion.



**FAITH FORMATION** — will meet on the following dates. Some activities are planned, but other dates are open. We would love to have your child's ideas! They can be shared with Lynda [missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rppcusa.org)

**4/2** – pre-k – 5<sup>th</sup> grade children (Easter egg hunt)

**4/16** – junior and senior high youth at noon

**5/21** – all children and youth at 11 am



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS!** VBS Science Camp coming in June. Save the dates—June 26-29, 9 am—11:45 am. See the wonders of God's world through science

activities. For kids in grades K-5. Teen and adult volunteers desired! See Sandy Kappmeyer for more information.

Alyssa Schwarz  
David Schade  
John Lynch  
Sara Wert  
Lloyd Bradbury  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood



Alice Ann Hand and Edward Hand, sister and brother-in-law of Liz Musick  
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick  
Prayers of peace and comfort for friends and family grieving the death of James Wood.

**CHILDCARE POSITION OPEN** — RPC is looking for a reliable, attentive adult, to fill one of two childcare positions in our nursery on the first four Sunday mornings of each month. Working hours are 9:45 am - 11:15 am. Pay is \$20/hour. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and able to pass a background check. If interested, please submit a resume and contact information for three non-familial references to the church office or electronically to [rpcoffice@rpcusa.org](mailto:rpcoffice@rpcusa.org).



**SPAGHETTI FUNDRAISER DINNER** — April 30, 4-7pm social hall with profits for youth mission trip. Tickets available online or in the office.  
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4AB/campaign/C-13JA9>

**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** — OGHS began in 1946 as an ecumenical effort to support victims of the war in Europe. Today it continues, with Christians from around the world sharing their treasures for world relief. You can join in the effort with a gift in the collection plate using the envelope in the rack by the greeter or [online](#) by selecting special fund and making a note to indicate OGHS. Fish banks can be returned on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Thank you for helping heal the broken and make their lives better.

**SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m.** We will meet via Zoom. Here is the link you can click on 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=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury **3/26** —Jon Schaff—Why American Politics is Screwed Up **4/2** — Fred Kiel—Psychopaths in the C-Suite

**REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE** — We're about two months away from welcoming our next family! Here are a few of the furniture items we need to be ready: dining table, four chairs, dressers / chest of drawers and lamps. If you have any, or learn of a friend or neighbor who is willing to donate, please let Lynda know!

**BOMBAS SOCKS FOR MISSION** — Do you love Bombas? Here's your chance to have a pair or more! For each \$20 donation to the youth mission trip to Appalachia Service Project, you'll receive a personal note and two pairs of black low-rise socks (youth or adult). When donating please make a note of size youth or adult. Cash, checks and online donations all available.



<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4AB/campaign/C-13J50>

### **REV. MATHENEY'S SERMON NOTES FROM MARCH 19**

Habits of the Heart, Parker Palmer—author

1. Interconnectedness and interdependence. We need each other.
2. Appreciate otherness. Hospitality with different people. Cultures. Traditions
3. Creative embrace of the tensions in society...not to just shut them down or push them away.. build in communities... real task.. and marks...
4. Cultivate our own voice.. our agency.. to make a contribution to society
5. We need to create communities. Communities within communities..

Banished communities:

Jesus is the center of our faith.

Community is the center of our life.

Reconciliation is the center of our work.

3 verbs

belonging, inquiring, transformation

What are the 3 verbs of Riverside?

Eboo Patel- Interfaith Youth Core- now Interfaith America

“The 21<sup>st</sup> century is Interfaith.”

The problem of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.. is “othering”

I will be away for the next two weeks. You are in good hands with Rev. Morales and Rev. Van Camp. I look forward to seeing you again on Easter Sunday!

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Congregational Life Mtg.  
3:00 pm Confirmation Class ZOOM  
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men’s Forum

**Wednesday**

No Choirs Today—Spring Break

**Thursday**

7:00 am Women’s Forum

**Sunday—Palm Sunday**

10:00 am Worship with Baptism  
and Ringers & Singers  
11:00 am Fellowship  
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata  
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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**2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

<b>Elders</b>	2023 Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Jon Jansky Sandra Kappmeyer	2024 Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn	2025 Betsy Gardner Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
<b>Deacons</b>	Nancy Dvorak Elizabeth Musick Marilyn Slanec	Jim Marciniak Steve Marcus Wendy Seifert	Thom DeVries Paula McCracken Open
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