

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

May 21, 2023

7th Sunday of Easter

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

Fugue on the Kyrie

F. Couperin

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 (based on Matthew 23:37)

Leader: Sing to God.

People: Sing praises to God's name.

Leader: Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

People: Sing praises to the Lord.

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth. Amen. (Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We are God's people

People: created, loved and forgiven.

Leader: The God of all grace has called us by name.

People: God will restore, support, strengthen and establish us.

Leader: It is good news to celebrate.

People: We are forgiven!

*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)

Open our eyes; open our hearts. May we hear your Word read and proclaimed so that our lives and our witness will be strengthened. Amen.

FIRST READING	Psalm 68:1-10	OT p. 529
SECOND READING	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	NT p. 235
SERMON	"The Heat is On!"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #269 *Lead On, O King Eternal!*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Declaration of Faith)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM *Let There Be Peace on Earth* arr. Althouse

*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)

Good and gracious God, the money we place in plates or give online we pray will be used to bring your kingdom to earth. May our gifts strengthen this congregation to be more faithful, more present and more daring in our community and to the ends of the earth. 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 #546

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Trumpet in Dialogue

Clerambault

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter:

Liturgist: Lynda Nadkarni

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers: today are given in loving memory of Jean and Bob Gardner from Betsy Gardner.

Fellowship: Join us in the social hall after worship for a potluck luncheon.

Trustees of the Month: Lynda Nadkarni and Tom Radigan

Worship Notes: Liturgy written by Sharon Core for The Presbyterian Outlook.



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MAY 21, 2023

WELCOME REV. DR. CRAIG HOWARD — Rev. Dr. Craig M. Howard, Executive Presbyterian, The Presbytery of Chicago, is a native of Chicago's South Suburbs. He completed his undergraduate work at DePaul University, and earned the M.Div and D.Min degrees from McCormick Theological Seminary. Before coming to Chicago, Craig served in St. Louis as Presbytery Leader of Giddings-Lovejoy, and Ministry Relations Officer with the Presbyterian Foundation. Craig has also served as Presbytery Executive for the Presbytery of Milwaukee. In addition to executive leadership, Craig has served several racial ethnic churches including Latinx, African American, Korean, and Euro American. Craig's spouse is the Rev. Marilyn Gamm.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following Worship on June 4 for the purpose of receiving the report of the Pastoral Nominating Committee and voting on accepting their candidate for

Designated Pastor, Rev. Mark Zimmerly.

SUPER SUNDAY LINE-UP!

May 21 — Rev. Craig Howard, Executive Presbyterian returns to the pulpit and a potluck with Holy Cow survey results shared.

May 28 — Rev. Scott Matheny preaches for the final time with special fellowship to thank him for his time at RPC. Confirmation, too!

June 4 — Pastoral candidate Rev. Mark Zimmerly leads worship and preaches, followed by a congregational meeting to vote on his candidacy. There will be fellowship following the meeting.



CALLING ALL MUSICIANS! — RPC always enjoys hearing our local talent over the summer when the choir is off. We would love to have lots of musical participants this summer as we have in the past. All ages and styles of music are welcome as are non-members. Please contact Sally if you are interested in signing up for a Sunday in June, July or August. 708/822-0655 (text) or sallysloane@me.com

OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR MAY — Linda Hutcheson will be away May 22-23.

Donna Ulrich
Martha Heine
Alyssa Schwarz
John Lynch
Sara Wert
Lloyd Bradbury
Jack Smith
Monica Wood



Brad Betson, brother-in-law of Lynda Nadkarni
Alice Ann Hand and Edward Hand, sister and brother-in-law of Liz Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick

SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS – 6:00 p.m. We will meet in person in the church library and via Zoom. Use the following link for Zoom video: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89159855297> To join by phone, dial and follow the prompts to enter the meeting number: +13126266799,,89159855297# You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury at dougasbury@gmail.com. **5/21**—Robert Jones—The End of White Christian America **5/28**—Richard Reeves—Why the Modern Male Is Struggling

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — RPC has spent \$1,000 per month in 2023 to supplement the donations received from the community, Riverside Foods and Aldi. Thankfully we received a large, canned goods donation from Hauser and have a Boy Scout who will be doing a food drive for his Eagle Scout project. You can also help by picking up a few cans when you shop or donating funds, and Sara and Marta Vacek will shop for you. Most needed always are meats and meal in a can (chunky soup, chili, beef stew, etc.). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need of additional sustenance.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS! – Registration is now open for the wonder of God’s work through science. Space is limited so sign up soon! Forms are available outside the office and on the website. VBS will be June 26-29 from 9:00 – 11:45 am.

DONATIONS DESIRED FOR VBS — Please save clear, plastic egg cartons and 2 L plastic bottles for VBS. There is a collection box near the office. See Sandra Kappmeyer if you have questions.

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING — Sunday, June 4 after worship/congregational meeting in the social hall.

PENTECOST OFFERING – On May 28 as part of our celebration of Pentecost we receive one of the special offerings of the church. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/#resources> The envelopes are at the back of the sanctuary and in the rack outside the office. Last year RPC contributed our portion to the LeaderShop. To learn more about their work with youth in the community, check out their website: www.theleadershop.org

PRESCHOOL NEWS — In early May we studied butterflies and bees. The highlight of the week was a visit from Beekeeper Monika, a friend of the Vacek family. She taught all about the importance of bees in the ecosystem and shared her organic honey with families at mom's night. (Because moms are un-bee-lievable!) For more information about her bees, honey, and its health benefits, visit www.organicgoldenhoney.com.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY DONATION — Last week, former colleagues of Susanne Vogel held a gathering in her honor where participants were asked to bring canned goods and could shop Cabi Clothing, her favorite brand. The photo shows the items collected and the profits of \$325 were donated for when RPC shops for canned goods. A sweet tribute to their friend who is missed.



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE —

One of the members of the Riverside Area Refugee Resettlement Team donated an indoor play tent for the kids. Mom reports they've been in it all week!

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship—

Rev. Craig Howard

11:00 am Fellowship Potluck

2:30 pm Worship at Caledonia

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 Chancel Choir

Sunday

10:00 am Worship—Confirmation

11:00 am Fellowship

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

Elders	2023	2024	2025
	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak	Susan Lynch	Betsy Gardner
	Jon Jansky	Carrie Staubus	Ellen Hamilton
	Sandra Kappmeyer	Mary Beth Wynn	Serina Ranft
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	2023	2024	2025
	Nancy Dvorak	Jim Marciniak	Thom DeVries
	Elizabeth Musick	Steve Marcus	Paula McCracken
	Marilyn Slanec	Wendy Seifert	Open
Trustees	2023	2024	2025
	Doug Harvin	John McGlennon	Deb Jansky
	Henry Vogel	Lynda Nadkarni	Tom Radigan
	Open	Open	Open