

May we open our hearts.
May we know your presence.

In thanksgiving,
And in deepest honor.

Therefore, with people of every nation, (prayer continues) joyfully giving thanks and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth reveal your glory, blessed God of Love.
Sing hosanna in the highest!**

Sing hosanna, hosanna, God of heavenly peace.

Holy God, we honor you in (prayer continues) In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ's spirit renews our lives.

Holy God, may our hearts (prayer continues) And now, in the spirit of Christ's teaching, we pray:

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Christ has died and lives for all.

May we not forsake him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- * HYMN 507
- * BENEDICTION
- * CHORAL BENEDICTION

I Come with Joy

Siyahamba (see insert)

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

October 1, 2017 ~ World Wide Communion Sunday

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
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By Christina Saj

Come to the Table

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
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Pachelbel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**God's people called to the Table
where simple grace nourishes us.**

From down the street to across town,
from single households to apartment dwellers:

**God's people are called to community,
where we live and serve one another.**

From every class, every race, every status;
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts:

**God's people are called to witness to God's hope,
to offer peace to a shattered world.**

* HYMN 554 *Let All Things Now Living*

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We think if we turn off the media, we will not need to listen to
the voices of our neighbors, God of all the world. We are
blessed with family and friends, and so do not know the
lonely. We are at ease in a world which is troubled, and so do
not notice the bitter tears of others. Because we are people of
affluence and privilege, we cannot understand those who are
broken by the anger and brutality of the world.**

**Yet, you know, God of the sufferers. You hear the cries of
those living in oppression, and call us to listen. Your tears
mingle with those whose children lie mangled or dead in war
zones, and would have us be peacemakers. Your faithfulness
is great, when ours seems so futile, yet you would have us
serve the world alongside your Child, Jesus, even as he served
us with his life and gifts. *Silent Reflection***

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* HYMN 579 *Glory Be to the Father*

**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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

HYMN 24 vs 3

Away in a Manger

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay. Close by me forever
and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender
care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING
SCRIPTURE

Philippians 2:1-13
Mathew 21:23-32

MEDITATION

The Table of Joy

* HYMN

For Everyone Born

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM *We Are the Hands of Christ* Raney

* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is served by Intinction. Please come forward, tear off a generous piece of bread and dip it in the cup, then commune. After you commune leave the server and return to your seat. During the act of communion, you are invited to sing *Come to the Table of Grace*; the words will be on the screen.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

God, you are with us.

You are always with us.