

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 504

*Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE *Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne* Buxtehude

\* *You are invited to stand if able.*

## Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 10, 2017 ~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.  
Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.



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# Come to the Table

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.**

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE  
*The Lord's My Shepherd*

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

How shall we live in the love of God?

**We will treat one another with fairness and dignity.**

How shall we witness God's forgiving love?

**We will reach out others with compassion.**

Come, let us worship God who has always loved us.

**Let our worship of God be reflected in our lives of hope and peace.**

\* HYMN 181

*Come Sing to God*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Forgiving and loving God, our hearts are filled today with pain and concern for the future of humankind. Words of anger assail our airways — we cannot escape from the threats being thrown about. In our fear, we cry “Where are you, O Lord?” We wander around in the darkness of the spirit, seeking light and hope. Forgive us when we forget that you are always with us, through times of peace and times of war. Heal our souls. Help us to reach out to others with the assurance of your love and presence.** *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

Romans 13:8-10

Mathew 18:15-20

MEDITATION

*The Table of Love*

\* HYMN 358

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*With a Voice of Singing*

Shaw

\* 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.**

May we open our hearts.

**May we know your presence.**

In thanksgiving,

**And in deepest honor.**