

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *Until Then* Hamblem/Kjellström

* 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

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

* HYMN 280

Amazing Grace

* BENEDICTION (Responsive)

We go into the world singing.

Singing through our lives of the self-giving love of Jesus Christ!

We can share the joy of God's love with all we meet.

We sing of the power of the Spirit and the song of God.

Let us serve others as though we are serving Jesus Christ.

Our time of gathering has come to an end. Who are we to be? What are we to do?

We are to be a sanctuary of Christian hope, love and encouragement in the heart of Riverside.

* POSTLUDE *Fugue on the Kyrie*

F. Couperin

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 3, 2017 ~ Thirteenth 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.

Make a
Joyful
noise
Unto The
Lord!

WELCOME

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

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Curry

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Come, let us sing to God;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

It is good to give you thanks, God;

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

to declare your steadfast love in the morning,

and your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O God, have made us glad by your work;

At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

* HYMN 467

How Great Thou Art

* PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison)

O God, who has called us into this congregation in common devotion to you with a variety of gifts, hear us as we dedicate this work to you.

Thank you for the gift of music, the lilt of song; thank you that you have set some to sing, some to play instruments, and some to savor the notes in the silences of their beings. Thank you for the rich gift of music in our congregation. AMEN

* 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

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

HYMN SING (Please remain seated as we sing)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness 276

Written by Thomas Obediah Chisholm

To God Be the Glory 485

Written by Fanny Crosby

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 379 vs. 1 & 4

Written by Edward Mote

How Firm a Foundation 361 vs 1, 3 & 5

Written by R. Keen (?)

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.

We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.

We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God's still, small voice of comfort, to God's rushing whirlwind of challenge.

Through word, music, art, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.