# **Riverside Presbyterian Church**

August 25, 2019 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. Please silence your cell phone.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

\* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.



Painting by: Bill Hoover

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

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

# **WE GATHER**

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE Minuet in G Major

Hugo Schlemuller

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Sing praises to God!

Stop what you are doing and sing praises to God!

Alleluia! Our God is gracious.

Worship the Lord!

Turn away from what distracts you and worship the Lord!

Alleluia! Our God is merciful.

Let us turn our minds and hearts and lives toward Christ, who makes us well.

Alleluia! Our God is love.

\* HYMN 106

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

\* Invitation to Prayer

# \* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Jesus Christ who hears our prayers and knows our hearts, we ask for your forgiveness and grace. We remember all the times you have waited for us to come back to you, but we never turn around. We think we are too busy, or doing the right thing, or that leaving you 'is not that big of a deal.' But we have been made by you, Creator, to be with you... not to be on our own. Forgive us for all that we have done wrong, and all the things we have left undone.

Bless us with your spirit so that we can always put you first; so we might praise you all the day and night, and serve you by serving others. Remind us to dwell in your grace and seek out the places where your holiness can be glorified.

(Silent prayers)

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

# \* SUNG RESPONSE



# WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Luke 17:11-21

**MEDITATION** 

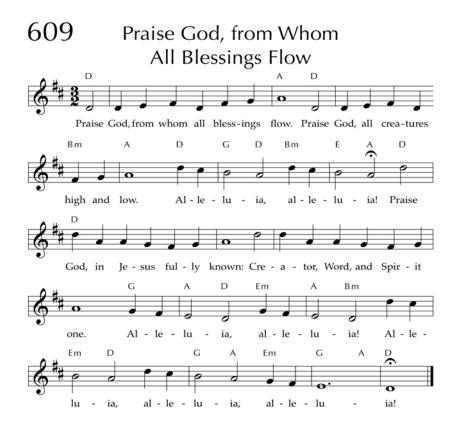


# **WE RESPOND**

### INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY La Cinquantaine Gabriel-Marie

\* SUNG RESPONSE



# PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# 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.

# **WE DEPART**

\* HYMN 475 O That I Had a Thousand

Voices

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Simple Gifts arr. by John Higgins

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GOODBYE** – Join us as we say goodbye to our Christian Educator, Diante Johnson. During Fellowship time we will have a cake in his honor.

PARK BENCH DEDICATION HONORING KARENA MENDOZA — Please join us in celebrating Karena Mendoza's life. Karena was an artist in residence at the Riverside Presbyterian Church, loved by many in our community for her creative gifts and talents, and a bright and beautiful light. We honor her memory dedicating a park bench in her memory with tea party to follow. The bench dedication ceremony will be led by Alison Brookins in the park overlooking Swan Pond across the street from RPC today at 1 pm . The tea will follow at RPC.

**GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS**— We're fast approaching the dedication date for the Glory to God hymnals! To support the music ministry, please sponsor one (or more) in honor or in memory of a friend or family member. What a nice way to thank someone for their dedication to RPC! Forms are available outside the office or you may email Lynda Nadkarni at lmn@floros.org for online ordering/payment instructions. The ordering deadline is September 8.



**FALL PICNIC – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 –** It's time to celebrate the return of Sunday School and Youth Group with an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship immediately following worship. We will be grilling hot dogs, rain or shine, and if the weather permits, eating outside. Bring a dish to share and a lawn chair or blanket.

### **OKTOBERFEST!**

Our Fall fundraising Oktoberfest is coming up on Saturday, September 14 from 3 pm to 8 pm on the lawn at RPC. There will be beer, brats, hot dogs, games, raffles and a silent auction. Stay tuned for further details in the next few weeks. We are <u>seeking donations of gift cards</u> from local shops of all sorts (restaurants, candy, pet items, grooming or other services, etc.) to help us make up our raffle baskets. Talk to Ellen for ideas so we can avoid duplicates. A big "Danke Schoën!" for your help!

**HUMAN SCENE** — Please join us for Human Scene from 9-10 am in the Parlor each Sunday. The current discussion topic is the Book of Ecclesiastes.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY** — **DONATION OF THE MONTH** for **August**: Canned meats such as Vienna sausages and canned chicken or tuna. Financial donations are always appreciated. The Little Food Pantry is changing lives. Thank you for your help!

**SHARE THE HARVEST Gardeners** — Crops are coming in, and the need has never been greater. Please bring the bounty of your garden to church on Sunday or Monday morning. A box will be left on the bench by the church office. THANK YOU!

#### **SAVE THE DATE** — October 25: Trivia—Halloween Theme

**ALL CHURCH WORK DAYS** — RPC Trustees invite everyone to All Church Work Days —actually just 2 hours per month — to help maintain and enhance our church property. **Saturday, September 21, 9-11 am**: Outdoor or indoor tasks.

**CARERS CORNER AUGUST – THE BOULEVARD** — Homeless people temporarily live at The Boulevard while recuperating from illness or injury. When residents complete their recovery, they are assisted in obtaining full independence. Fill the trunk with brand new items to get them started. **Personal items**: Toothpaste/Toothbrush, Chap Stick, Deodorant, Sanitary wipes (flushable), Shampoo, Shower shoes, Towels (prefer white) **Men's and Women's wearable items**: (Adult sizes S, M, L) Socks, T-Shirts (white or novelty) and Pajamas.

**WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study** — meets **Wednesday, August 28** at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome. Come for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Anne Gamble. What would it mean to consider the Ten Commandments not as a harsh list of what not to do but, instead, as a "love letter" from a loving God? A fresh embrace of the Ten Commandments may ultimately contribute to the restoration of ourselves and our communities and the furthering of the gospel in the world. Lesson One led by Elizabeth Musick. Scripture: Exodus 20:1-6 and Matthew 22:34-37.

**2020 CHURCH TRIP June 12-June 24, 2020** — Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Blue Mosque and Haga Sofia in Istanbul? How about floating around in the Aegean Sea, stopping at Santorini, considered the most breathtaking of the Greek Isles, and several other islands? Or walking among the ruins of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens? You can do all that as well as walk in the towns that inspired Paul's letters and visit the cave where John was said to have received the Revelation. For more information, talk to Reverend Jackson.

**CHOIR NEWS** —The first rehearsal for both adult choirs will be Wednesday, September 4. Bells – we will be polishing before we rehearse. Chancel – we will be singing on September 8 for worship. See you then! -- Sally

### RINGERS AND SINGERS — FIRST REHEARSAL WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

Since 2006 RPC has been home to two children's choirs: The Riverside Ringers and the Riverside Singers. These groups are led by Sandra Kappmeyer, Sally Sloane and Donna Ulrich on a volunteer basis. We meet each Wednesday during the school year from 4:15 – 5:15. Children from ages 5 – 12 are welcome to join our group. No RPC affiliation is necessary and there are no fees! We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Much of our music follows the liturgical church year and we include brief lessons on scripture. Many children from this group have gone on

to ring with our pre-professional handbell ensemble, The acaBELLa Ringers. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us <a href="mailto:musikhse@comcast.net">musikhse@comcast.net</a> or 708-822-0655.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**— Sunday School begins, Sunday, September 8. Sunday School will be during worship, following the Children's sermon. We need two adult volunteers to teach Sunday School, the sign-up sheet is outside the Christian Education office. The lesson and supplies are provided for your use each week. **September 8**-The Boy Teacher; **September 15**- The House on the Rock; **September 22**- The Sower;

September 29- No Sunday School

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** — The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to noon and closed on Fridays through Labor Day.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**— Please contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board outside Dale's office if you are interested in hosting Friday Night Fellowship in September or October.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** Video Series during September. We will view documentary shorts followed by discussion. We will meet in the upstairs parlor. Reservations are needed as we are catering the meal. The cost is \$10 per person. If you would like to join us for conversation and not eat you are welcome to attend.



**Monday, Sept 9 – 6:30** - *Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence* is a documentary that frames gun violence as a Disaster and Public Health issue by taking an in depth look at how one shooting impacts individuals, families and communities, while also giving voice to the questions and insights that arise from these conversations. In the documentary, all those scarred by gun violence eventually arrived at the same question: "Why...Why did this happen to us?" After looking at these in depth experiences of gun violence "Trigger turns its attention to the bigger question: "What can we do to prevent gun violence?"

Monday, Sept 16 - 6:30 pm - Locked in a Box is an award-winning short documentary that follows the stories of individuals held in the U.S. Immigration detention system and those who visit them. The film traces the lives of individuals who fled their homelands in search of safety and freedom only to end up in U.S. prisons under a mandatory bed quota system run by Immigration Customs & Enforcement (ICE). Since the 1990's there has been a massive expansion of the immigration detention system up to 34,000 immigrants in detention on any given day in approximately 200 different facilities, many of which are for-profit prisons. "Locked in a Box" helps strip away the political rhetoric to see the human cost of detention.

Monday, Sept 23 – 6:30 To Breathe Free . "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." To Breathe Free follows the 5-year journey of a Syrian family fleeing the war in Homs to the refugee camps in Jordan and starting a new life in Washington, D.C. Using home movies, phone video, family photos and interviews with family members and former refugees, this short documentary gives an intimate and unique perspective not seen in current media reporting on the refugee crisis. To Breathe Free captures the intersection of individual narratives from a family fleeing the Vietnam War in 1970, to the Syrian Conflict in 2017, to the families who help create a new home in our nation's capital, giving voice to our common humanity and the struggle that binds people together.

# THIS WEEK

# **Today**

10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:15 am Mission Committee

3:00 pm The Boulevard

### Monday

5:15 pm Volleyball

## **Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum 10:30 am Staff Meeting

# <u>Wednesday</u>

10:00 am Women's Circle for Fellowship & Study

# **Thursday**

6:30 am Women's Forum

#### Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 2:00 pm Cantata

#### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Preacher:** Rev. Lauren Cochran **Liturgist:** Rev. Dale Jackson

**Ushers:** Charlie, Bridget, Victor and Harriet Juister **Flowers** are donated by Ellen Hamilton in memory of

Karena Mendoza.

**Fellowship Time** is hosted by Sandy Kappmeyer.

Trustees of the Month: Thom DeVries, Patti Perry and Brad

Staubus

**Thank you** to Devin and Jaden Zander for joining today's Ministry of Music.

#### **2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

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Elders		
2019	2020	2021
Jeanine Buttimer	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine
Patti Friend	Martha Heine	Allan Halline
Susan Lynch	Lynda Nadkarni	Matt Lisle
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Dennis Zander	

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

Deacons

Ellen Hamilton Lloyd Bradbury Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer Charlie Juister Serina Ranft
Steve Teune Sally Sloane Wendy Seifert
Jeanne Smith

Trustees

Susan Deems-Dluhy Patti Perry
Cyril Friend Doug Harvin
Fred Kitch Hank Vogel
Brad Staubus

Thom DeVries Fred Mitchell

#### 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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