

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 17, 2019
Second Sunday of Lent

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.

She stood behind him at his feet,
weeping, and began to bathe his feet with
her tears
and to dry them with her hair.
Then she continued kissing his feet and
anointing them with the ointment.
Luke 7:38

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * 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

Danny Boy

arr. A. Oscar Haugland

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

O God, have mercy on us, we pray.
In Your mercy, make us clean from our sins.
Wipe away every failing and make us new in Your sight.
Restore us, deliver us, and re-create us, O Lord.

* HYMN 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Warm my cold heart, O Lord, and take away all that hinders me from giving myself to You. Mold me according to Your image and give me grace to obey You in all things so that I may ever follow Your gracious leading. Make me this day to be kind to all, gentle and unselfish, careful to hurt no one by word or deed, and anxious to do good to all.

O Lord, forgive the sins of my temper. Pardon all my hasty words and unkind thoughts. Make me watchful that I do not offend any sister or brother. Give me a meek and loving spirit, that I would not live unto myself, but for You. Keep me from sin this day, and help me offer all that I am to You, for the sake of Jesus Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

(Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 85 Verse 1

What Wondrous Love Is This

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul,
for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 51
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-50

MEDITATION

Via Dolorosa: Feet Wet With Tears

Rev. Bunny Hughes is an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has served several congregations in the Chicago and suburban area. Most recently she and Rev. Dr. Lolly Dominski served Morton Grove Community Church (Presbyterian) as Co-Pastors.

* HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

214 You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

(Psalm 31)

1 You are my ref - uge, faith - ful God; you
2 De - liv - er me from hid - den snares, from
3 Be - gra - cious, God, in my dis - tress, and
4 I am a wretch - ed sight to see: a
5 And yet I trust in you, O God; your

shel - ter me from shame. I put my spir - it
sor - row, pain, and strife. When trou - bles seem to
dry my bit - ter tears. My life is spent in
bro - ken, emp - ty thing, with on - ly ter - ror
cov - e - nant still stands. Re - deem me, in your

in your hands and call up - on your name.
smoth - er me, take heed, and save my life!
mis - er - y; I sigh a - way my years.
all a - round, and death - ly whis - per - ing.
faith - ful love: my life is in your hands.

What John Calvin said about Psalm 31:5 can be applied to this paraphrase of the psalm as a whole: it is one of the places in scripture "most suitable for correcting distrust." That verse was on Jesus' dying lips (Luke 23:46), and this psalm is appointed for Passion/Palm Sunday.

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MORNING SONG
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WE RESPOND

* STATEMENT FOR LENT (Unison)

I am standing before the cross in all its brutality
and feel overwhelmed by the enormity of it all.
Why could the church not have a nice life-affirming symbol instead of a cross?
Something to remind us to love each other and that love will always triumph in the end.
But perhaps that would be just too easy;
perhaps we need reminding that to love unconditionally often comes at a cost.
When we cross the barriers of prejudice and exclusion that society puts up to separate us
from the poor and despised from our traditional enemies;
when we truly stand up for what is right, we too may be rejected and ridiculed.
The cross reminds us that love has no boundaries, no limitations;
we must keep loving, regardless of the consequences.
The cross is not a symbol of defeat, but a symbol of the victory of unconditional selfless love
which should support and inspire us to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM *The Irish Blessing* arr. Joyce Eilers Bacak

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 85 Verse 2 *What Wondrous Love Is This*
To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme,
I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

WE DEPART

* HYMN 84 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Paul Manz

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE— Throughout Lent, we will follow the way of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, which is Latin for the Way of Sorrow. Traditionally this is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. We are going to look at various stories from Jesus' life where tears and sorrow figured prominently and seek to understand how God through Jesus transforms our lives.

- On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup and at 7:00 pm participate in an interactive service which will conclude with communion.
- Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.
- Sunday, April 28, is our annual Jazz Sunday.



LENTEN PRACTICES — Prayer is an essential part of the Lenten experience. There is a saying that without prayer, fasting is just dieting. Without prayer, almsgiving is just social work. Prayer connects us with our loving God. As an act of preparation for worship, you are invited to read the Scripture that will be used in worship.

Fasting helps us focus on God. Sometimes we are called to give up a food item. Sometimes we are called to give up something which is occupying our time, like video games or endless checking on social media. This is a good time to think about what is ruling your life. What is occupying your time and thoughts? Give that thing up. And then when Lent is over, contemplate where your focus went when you no longer had that thing. Were you more able to focus on God and others? If so, try not to let whatever you gave up take over your life again.

Almsgiving is the act of giving to the poor. Through almsgiving we share God's love with others and we recognize that the gifts we have are not really our own. If the thing you are fasting from leaves a little extra money in your pocket, then give that money to a worthy charity which helps the poor. You can also donate goods. If you really want to push yourself, give your time in direct service to another. Acts of service can be considered almsgiving, especially if you do them with the intention of sharing your gifts. You might encounter Jesus in the faces of those you are serving. This year as part of your almsgiving you are invited to bring the following items each Sunday for use in our Little Food Pantry. As an act of service, you are invited to help us stock the pantry.

- Second Sunday of Lent, March 17 – Canned Meat - Luke 7:36-50
- Third Sunday of Lent, March 24 – Granola & Cereal Bars - Matthew 2:13-18
- Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 31 – Oatmeal—Fifth Sunday Mission as Worship
- Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7 – Canned Ravioli or other canned meals - John 11:17-44
- Palm Sunday, April 14 – Peanut Butter & Jelly - Luke 19:41-44
- Easter Sunday, April 21 (not a Sunday in Lent) – Canned fruit - John 20

FUNDRAISERS — Mark your calendars now!!

Spring Stewardship Auction Sunday, April 28, 5:00 pm This year the fall stewardship auction will be held in the spring. A Cinco de Mayo themed meal will be provided. If you would like to donate items for the auction, please contact Ellen Hamilton or the church office.

Strawberry Social, Wednesday, July 17

Oktoberfest, Saturday, September 28

Trivia Night, Friday, October 25

Christkindlmarkt, Saturday, December 7

FIFTH SUNDAY MISSION AS WORSHIP — Please remember that each of our Fifth Sunday Mission as Worship events will have something for all people, regardless of age or physical ability. As the date approaches details will be made available.

Sunday, March 31 — **BEDS PLUS** Meet at the church at 9:50 and we will carpool to St. Barbara's 8900 Windemere, Brookfield. There is work for everyone regardless of age or physical ability. Some of us will build new wooden shelves (please bring any appropriate tools you have) and others of us will be able to sit at tables and organize the stuff that goes on the shelves! Once our work is complete there will be a brief service of thanksgiving at the worksite. BEDS Plus is celebrating 30 years of service. Their mission is to help vulnerable individuals stabilize their lives through housing and supportive services. Since 1988, BEDS PLUS has given the homeless a safe place to sleep, hot homemade meals, professional counseling, and the job services they need to become self-sufficient.

Sunday, June 30 — **Hofmann Dam River Rats**. We will join forces with the River Rats to help beautify and maintain the Des Plaines River.

Sunday, September 29 — **The Boulevard**

Sunday, December 29 — TBD



CHOCOLATE FOR LENT — Using themes from the 2000 Academy Award nominated film *Chocolat*, our next Theology on Tap series invites us to use Lent and chocolate to gain deeper insights into self-discipline, self-giving, conversion, acceptance and maturing in Christ. Join us Monday, March 18 – Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the parlor for discussion and chocolate desserts!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL — is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **March 24 and March 31– Spring Break**

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — It might surprise you how often we have to restock our Little Food Pantry. Even in the bitter cold, needy people walk over for the benefit of our assistance. Remember in this cold weather, cans pop. Please donate vacuum packed or boxed items. We currently need individual packs of **oatmeal, granola bars, soft cereal bars and individual plastic fruit cups**. Thank you for supporting this worthy mission.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the March-April Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.



DEACONS POTLUCK — Deb Jansky and the Deacons are hosting a St. Patrick's Day potluck . Get your green on and join us after worship today to celebrate the Irish and St Patrick's Day.

CARERS TRUNK MARCH is for BEDS Plus in LaGrange. BEDS Plus provides safe overnight shelter and services for the homeless. Supplies needed: Ground Decaf Coffee, No Tea, Drink mixes - Lemonade, Cider, Cocoa.

CHOCOLATE, COFFEE AND TEA — Fair trade items are offered through the Equal Exchange program. Items are located outside of Dale's office and for sale through the honor system. Proceeds will go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

TREASURER AWAY—Ellen will be out of the country looking for Bengal tigers through March 25. Don't worry, she's already paid the light and heat bills!



WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — Wednesday, March 27 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "God's Promise" by Amy Poling Sutherland. Lesson Seven "God with Us as Emmanuel". Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25. Led by Kate Chard.



SHARE THE HARVEST—Oh the weather outside is frightful, but gardening is so delightful! Yes it's winter, but spring will be here soon. Take time now to look at your outside and see where you could plant a garden for Share the Harvest.

OAK PARK CONCERT CHORALE

Oak Park Concert Choral
Paul Lindblad, Director
Michael Wolniakowski, Composer-In-Residence
PRESENTS

Sunday, March 31, 4:00 pm
Riverside Presbyterian Church
Tickets for sale in the church office.
Adults \$18.00; Students & Seniors \$10.00

JUBILATE

THIS WEEK**Today**

10:00 am Worship
 11:00 Deacons Potluck
 2:00 pm Caledonia

Monday

7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum
 5:30 pm Personnel Committee

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers
 6:00 pm Hunger Subcommittee
 6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
 7:00 pm Session Meeting
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women's Forum
 10:00 am CARERS Meeting

Sunday

9:00 am Human Scene
 10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am Fellowship
 11:15 am Mission Committee

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Mary Ann Sadilek

Ushers: George Dluhy and Susan Deems-Dluhy

Andrew Minister: Connie Kelly

Children's Sermon: Lynda Nadkarni

Trustees of the Month: Doug Harvin and Fred Mitchell

Flowers are given in birthday celebration for my dear brother, Robert E. Hamilton, from Ellen Hamilton.

Coffee Fellowship is the Deacons Potluck.

2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**Elders**

2019

Jeanine Buttimer
 Patti Friend
 Susan Lynch
 Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak

2020

Frank Gangware
 Martha Heine
 Lynda Nadkarni
 Dennis Zander

2021

Gwen Heine
 Allan Halline
 Matt Lisle

Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session

Deacons

Ellen Hamilton
 Sandy Kappmeyer
 Steve Teune

Lloyd Bradbury
 Charlie Juister
 Sally Sloane
 Jeanne Smith

Deb Jansky
 Serina Ranft
 Wendy Seifert

Trustees

Susan Deems-Dluhy
 Cyril Friend
 Fred Kitch
 Brad Staubus

Patti Perry
 Doug Harvin
 Hank Vogel

Thom DeVries
 Fred Mitchell
 Connie Nestor

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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