

Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion



Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 6, 2020 ~ 10:00 am Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prichard/Behnke

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO A TIME OF WORSHIP

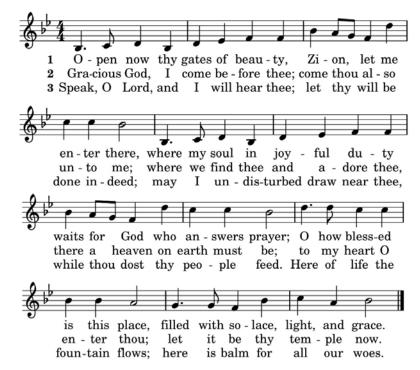
LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

SILENT REFLECTION You are invited to a moment of quiet rest, a time of slowing the pace of your body and mind so that the spirit can settle.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lynda Nadkarni

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs 4:1-7

MEDITATION

The Beauty of a World Without a Why

A TIME OF REFLECTION

- ♦ A "world without a why" is described by Dr. Farley as the idea that all beings have inherent worth simply because they are created "beautiful, beloved, and dearworthy" by God—not for any other reason. How do you relate to this idea that our worth is not measured by "doing" things that we perceive to be merit-worthy?
- What motivates you to the work and activities you do? Are you able to do these things from a "peaceful place" or is it a place of "anxiety" about worth? What expectations do you place on yourself and others?

FOCUS ON MISSION & INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

During these moments you are invited to witness the ways that your gifts make a difference in our community, nation and world.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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!

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Please have bread or crackers and juice or another beverage ready for communion

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (RESPONSIVE)
The Lord be with you,

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

The prayer continues

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



BENEDICTION

Postlude

Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin"

Wagner/Biggs



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