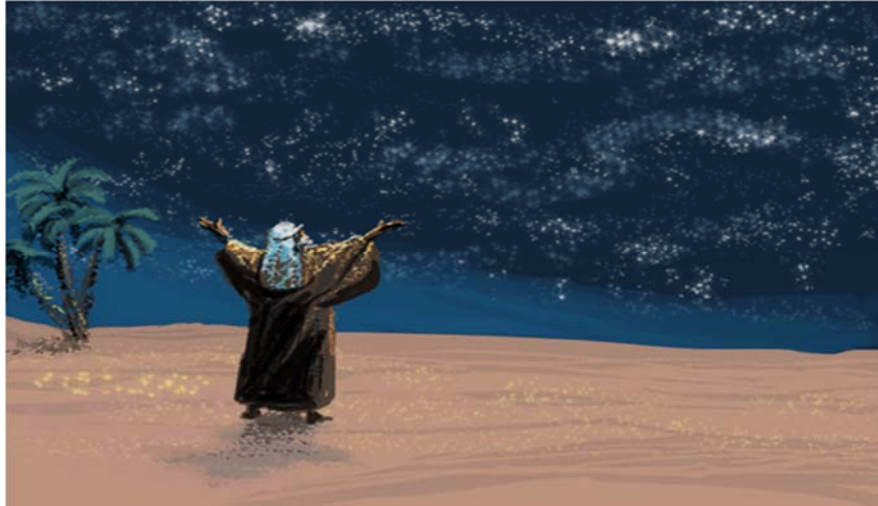


Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 13, 2022 ~ Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Someone's Crying, Lord* arr. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 27:1-4)

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

P: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

L: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

P: One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

*HYMN #234 *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

* CALL TO CONFESSION (Isa 43:2)

L: When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the Lord our God is with us. With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and for what has become consuming. Free us from a past we cannot change. Open our eyes, so that we can see in ourselves that which needs changing, and help us to grow into your grace and likeness. (Silence is kept.)

All of this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE (Isa 43:1, 19)

L: Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

P: Thanks be to God.

L: Our Lord Jesus said:

P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

L: This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it:

P: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

L: On these two commandments hang all the teaching and the prophets. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

*The GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

**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.**

MINI MESSAGE

Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING (unison)

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food so that it may nourish us in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ the bread of heaven. Amen.

FIRST LESSON	Genesis 15:1-12	OT p. 12
ANTHEM	<i>Bought with a Price</i>	Sleeth
SECOND LESSON	Philippians 3:17-4:7	NT p. 198
SERMON	"Enemies of the Cross"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 821 v. 1,2,4 *My Life Flows On*

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.

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Ukrainian National Anthem* Verbytsky

*THE DOXOLOGY *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"* #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #353 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE HYMN #515, v. 5 *I Come With Joy*

POSTLUDE *Premier Agnus* de Grigny

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Someone's Crying, Lord*; arr. Behnke
Anthem: *Bought with a Price*; Sleeth
Offertory: *Ukrainian National Anthem*; Verbytsky
Postlude: *Premier Agnus*; de Grigny
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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter:
Liturgist: Susan Lynch
Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni
Fellowship is hosted by Jon and Deb Jansky.
Trustees of the Month: Paula McCracken and John McGlennon



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LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE — On Maundy Thursday, April 14, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for a bread and soup supper and Tenebrae Service and Foot (or hand!) Washing Service.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.

\$150,000 IN OUR 150TH YEAR — Take a look at our wall! The goal is to raise \$150,000 in our 150th year. You can make your gifts online or in person. Share this with people in your life who care about RPC and you!



TIME CHANGE — Set your clocks ahead an hour before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 12 for Daylight Saving Time!

MASKING POLICY – EFFECTIVE MARCH 6, 2022—

The Session has passed a new policy regarding masking in the sanctuary and other church spaces. It is as follows:



Members shall be allowed to make individual choice on whether to remain masked. Those with fragile health conditions or other concerns should remain masked if they wish, and we strongly encourage any who are not vaccinated to mask out of concern and courtesy for their fellow members. This policy will take effect beginning Sunday, March 6th. No judgment on choices!

THEOLOGY ON TAP — is on break.

Lynn Shannon Labotka
Robert Schade
Ruth and Frank Svestka
Harriet Kweton
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith

Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick
Monica and James Wood

Don and Marcia James, Don is the brother of Joyce Dobrzanski and is hospitalized due to the effects of Alzheimer's Disease.



SUNCATCHER FUNDRAISER—A generous donor has arranged with the Blenko Glass Company of Milton, West Virginia for 50 suncatchers featuring a design by our own Bryan Zander that honors Riverside Presbyterian Church's 150 years of ministry to be produced. They are in the color they call "tangerine," which features a combination of reds, oranges, and yellows. Two examples of this suncatcher can be seen in the hallway across from the office area.

Each suncatcher is unique, due to the variety of ways in which the colors mix in the molten glass as it is poured into the molds. As a result, they have different "eye appeal", though all are quite colorful when the sun shines through them. Because of this, we are inviting those who wish to be among the first ten persons to have a chance to choose their specific suncatchers. Those who give the 10 highest amounts above \$25 to the 150th campaign between now and March 13 will be given that chance!

You may contribute via check or online at rpcusa.org. Top donors will be contacted on March 14 and will choose in order of their donation. Questions? Contact Doug Asbury at dougasbury@gmail.com

SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom. Here is the link you can click in order to join our session, as well as the passcode you will be asked to type in when the box opens requesting it: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676>

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3/20—Joshua Katz—Toxic culture of education

3/27—Jason Y. Lee—Why I quit my job to pursue my childhood dream



PRESCHOOL NEWS—March is a busy month with guest readers, a taste of Italy day, and a visit from Nurse Mary to teach first aid to the students. The theme for the month is literacy with a celebration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday complete with green eggs and ham! Follow all our fun on the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rpcpreschool>.



ALHAFFAR FAMILY NEWS—The AlHaffar girls, Hanna (13), Fatima (12) and Eman (7) started school this week. They are very eager to learn English! The family has also started to explore the neighborhood more confidently. Dad (Adnan), Eman and Mohamad (3 ½) went to the lakefront on last Saturday’s beautifully sunny day. This Saturday they will be going to the local branch of the library. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they adjust to life in the US.

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS—Did you know Riverside Foods is now offering produce to RPC twice a week? If you are able to help with pick up any Tuesday or Thursday morning, contact Deb Jansky 708-822-9557 or newhorizons002@gmail.com to sign up.

FRESH PRODUCE



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Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering is traditionally received during the Lenten and Easter season and is one of the largest ways that Presbyterians join together to share God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. Each gift helps improve the lives of people through these programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. You can donate by credit card online at rpcusa.org or by check. Please note One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check.

THIS WEEK

Today

Daylight Savings Time Begins

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

Monday

10:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Volleyball

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

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Our 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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2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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