

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 20, 2022 ~ Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PROCESSIONAL                      *Pentatonic Peal*                      Lake

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE                      *Cantad Al Señor*                      Geschke

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 63:1-4)

L: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**P: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.**

L: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

**P: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

\*HYMN #305            *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

\* 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                      Isaiah 55:1-13                      OT p. 685

ANTHEM                              *Jesu, Jesu*                              arr. McChesney

SECOND LESSON                      1 Corinthians 10:1-9                      NT p. 172

SERMON                              "The Grocery List"

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 307 v. 1,3,4      *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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

\*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 #743 (x3)                      *O God, You Are My God*

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE                              *Do Lord*                              arr. Stephenson

### WORSHIP NOTES

Processional: *Pentatonic Peal*; Lake  
Prelude: *Cantad Al Señor*; Geschke  
Anthem: *Jesu, Jesu*; arr. McChesney  
Postlude: *Do Lord*; arr. Stephenson  
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### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

***Greeters:*** Jim Marciniak and Lisa Aulerich Marciniak  
***Liturgist:*** Marilyn Slanec  
***Mini Message:*** Rev. Mary Jo Dean  
***Fellowship*** is hosted by Connie Kelly and John Haugland.  
***Thank you*** to the acaBELLa Ringers for joining today's Ministry of Music.  
***Trustees of the Month:*** Paula McCracken and John McGlennon



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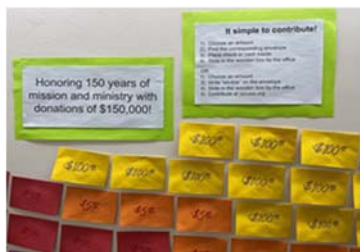
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**MARCH 20, 2022**

### 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!

### 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 6<sup>th</sup>. No judgment on choices!

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** — is on break.

**UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the March-April Upper Room are available in the sanctuary and in the rack outside the office.

Lynn Shannon Labotka  
Will Vogel  
Ruth and Frank Svestka  
Harriet Kweton  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith



Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick  
Monica and James Wood  
Bill Mudra, father of Lynda Nadkarni  
Don and Marcia James, Don is the brother of Joyce Dobrzanski and is hospitalized due to the effects of Alzheimer's Disease.  
Prayers of comfort for family and friends grieving the death of Carol Lauger. Carol was a former RPC member and RPC preschool teacher. Carol died on February 28.



**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.

You may contribute via check or online at [rpcusa.org](http://rpcusa.org). Top donors will be contacted soon and will choose in order of their donation. Questions? Contact Doug Asbury at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto: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>  
[pwd=MUUU4bOJ2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=MUUU4bOJ2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **3/20**—Joshua Katz—Toxic culture of education  
**3/27**—Jason Y. Lee—Why I quit my job to pursue my childhood dream



**ALHAFFAR FAMILY NEWS**—On Saturday the family went to the library. One of the librarians speaks Arabic and they have books in Arabic as well. Mom (Hoda), instructed the children to take only one book in Arabic and pick two in English. She told them it would help them learn the language more quickly. They are very motivated to be able to communicate without Google

translate! Please continue to pray for their smooth transition.

**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>.

**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](mailto:newhorizons002@gmail.com) to sign up.



**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING** —Since 1949, Presbyterians have participated in One Great 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](http://rpcusa.org) or by check. Please note One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check.

The **WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, March 23 at 10:30 am in the upstairs parlor. Elizabeth Musick will lead us in Lesson 7 of the book "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". If you cannot attend in person, here is the log in information: <https://zoom.us/j/98513169535pwd=SU9RZDJ2Vm42QkRzTmJHOUtMhcvQT09>  
Meeting ID: 985 1316 9535, Passcode: 899045, Dial by your location 1(312) 626-6799

**THIS WEEK****Today**

10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am Fellowship  
 6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum

**Wednesday**

10:30 am Women's Circle Bible Study

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

**Thursday**

7:00 am Women's Forum

**Sunday**

10:00 am Worship  
 11:00 am Fellowship  
 1:30 pm Boulevard  
 6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

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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**

	2022	2023	2024
Elders	Ben Dickerson Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Sandra Kappmeyer Jon Jansky	Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
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