

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 27, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Were You There* arr. Emma Lou Diemer

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32:1-2, 10-11)

L: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**P: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

**P: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

\*HYMN #611

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\* 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	Psalm 32	OT p. 506
ANTHEM	<i>Out of the Depths</i>	Carter
SECOND LESSON	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	NT p. 181
SERMON	"Clear Consciences"	

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN # 291      *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

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 #438                      *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

\*BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE                                      *Duo*                                      de  
Grigny

### WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Were You There*; arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Anthem: *Out of the Depths*; Carter

Postlude: *Duo*; de Grigny

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### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Greeters:** Susan Lynch

**Liturgist:** John Haugland

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Fellowship** is hosted by Wendy Seifert and Sue Schratzmeier

**Trustees of the Month:** Paula McCracken and John McGlennon



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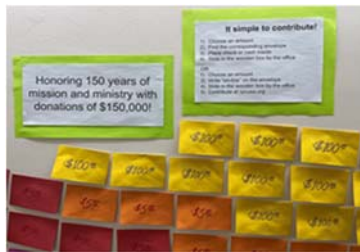
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**MARCH 27, 2022**

### 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, brother and sister-in-law of Joyce Dobrzanski



**SUNCATCHER FUNDRAISER**—As part of our effort to raise \$150,000 in honor of our 150 years of ministry, anyone who donates a minimum of \$25 is welcome to choose a suncatcher made by Blenko Glass Company of Milton, West Virginia featuring a design by our own Bryan Zander. The color is called “tangerine” - a combination of reds, oranges, and yellows - with each being a unique combination of colors and highlights. Two examples of this suncatcher can be seen in the hallway across from the office area. Fifty suncatchers were created, and the top ten early donors have

selected their own already; but 40 remain to be claimed. Since one donor paid for the order, your entire donation supports RPC's ministries.

**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=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676), 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  
**4/3**—Paul Rulkens - Why the majority is always wrong



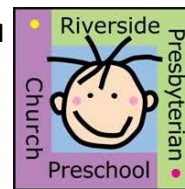
**PRESCHOOL SPRING BREAK** — March 28 to April 1



**ALHAFFAR FAMILY NEWS**—On Saturday the children went shopping for gym shoes for school. The younger two had a hard time choosing! Dad, Adnan, also started school this week. He's so happy to start learning more English. Please continue to pray for their transition to life in Chicago.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS—PRESCHOOL SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 10:00 AM WORSHIP WITH RECEPTION AND TOURS TO FOLLOW**

Students will be singing in worship. Alumni, former teachers and their families are invited to attend, too! Fellowship will be held in the social hall at 11:00 am and the school will be open for viewing. We hope you will join in the celebration of our 52<sup>nd</sup> year of catching 'em being good! If you are a former student or parent, please plan to be there and help spread the word!

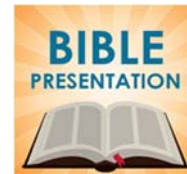


**FRESH PRODUCE**



**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.

**BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY** is May 15 during worship. All kids 2nd grade (or older) who have not received a Bible are invited to be part of this special day. Please email or call Lynda Nadkarni for more information.



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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.



**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

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

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum

**Wednesday**

No Choir Practices—Spring Break

**Thursday**

7:00 am Women's Forum

**Sunday**

10:00 am Worship with Communion  
11:00 am Fellowship  
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
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