

Riverside Presbyterian Church

May 8, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu

Pepping

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 24:1-6)

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;

P: For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

L: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

P: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

L: They will receive blessing from the Lord, and vindication from the God of their salvation.

P: Such is the company of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

*HYMN #826

Lift High the Cross

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you rise in power to bring the world under your rule. We admit that we truly have not expected much to change, and we live doing what is right in our own eyes. Forgive us for ignoring your priorities. Forgive us for our casual lives. All this we ask in Jesus, our Christ. Amen. (Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE (Acts 2:17,21)

L: Hear the good news of God's presence and promise: "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Peace be with you.

P: Glory to God, the Highest! Thanks be to God, and God's peace be 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 ILLUMINATION (unison)

HYMN #701

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

FIRST LESSON	John 10:22-39	NT p. 104
ANTHEM	<i>Swing Low, Sweet Chariot</i>	arr. Carter
SECOND LESSON	Revelation 7:9-17	NT p. 249
SERMON	"Faith"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 11 *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*

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 #187 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE HYMN #259, v. 3 *God of Heaven*

POSTLUDE *Sollt' ich meinem Gott nicht singen* Pepping

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Herzliebster Jesu*; Pepping
Anthem: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*; arr. Carter
Postlude: *Sollt' ich meinem Gott nicht singen* Pepping
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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter:
Liturgist:
Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni
Fellowship: Please come to the social hall for fellowship after worship.
Trustees of the Month: Will Vogel and Henry Vogel

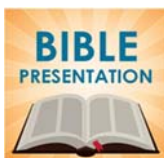


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MAY 8, 2022

150,000 IN OUR 150TH YEAR —We're actively fundraising for the ministry and mission of RPC with a goal of \$150,000 in our 150th year. Some people are giving \$5 a week = \$260 for the year. Others are choosing a one time gift. This photo represents \$6,000 worth of envelopes, a recent anonymous donation from a local resident who is not a member of RPC. She was so impressed with the work we are doing with refugees that she wanted to provide enough money for us to immediately co-sponsor another family!



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.

Ellen will be away April 21-May 9.
Linda Hutcheson will be away May 12 and May 16.
Lynda Nadkarni will be away May 16-May 20.





RUMMAGE SALE FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT—

RPC will hold an area wide rummage sale on May 14 from 9:00am - 2:00pm with all proceeds to support refugees. Drop off of household items and decor (no clothing or bedding) will be Sunday, May 8 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday, May 9 from 10:00am - 2:00pm and Tuesday, May 10 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. To volunteer to assist with drop off or day of, email missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org.

WEDDING SUNDAY @ RPC MAY 22 AT 10:00 AM— If you were married at RPC, we hope you celebrate with us in any of these ways! Submit a wedding photo, along with names and dates for a slideshow to www.rpcoffice@rpcusa.org, attend worship in person for an affirmation of your vows, share a photo on our facebook page www.facebook.com/riverpreschurch, contribute equivalent to your anniversary years to help support our ongoing ministry and mission. Give via mail or online at rpcusa.org Questions? Lynda Nadkarni, missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org



FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT —Friday June 10th 6:00 PM to dark: **"Bring your beverage, your chair and something to share"**

For this first, of what we hope will be many Friday Family Fun Nights, we will gather on the RPC lawn for a **potluck picnic**. This is for all ages. We will be picnicking and playing games. Feel free to invite friends to join in the fun. If you have a yard game or two (Cornhole, Croquet, Horseshoes, Giant Jenga etc.) please bring them. Sponsored by Session. Contact: Susan Lynch (skstrause.lynch@outlook.com)

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. Each one is a unique combination of colors and highlights. A limited number of suncatchers were created, and only around 30 remain to be claimed. Take a look at those displayed in the Social Hall, and after you've donated, choose yours to take home and catch some sun!



TRUSTEES MEETING — Monday, May 9, 7:00 pm in the Westminster Room

Will Vogel
Ruth and Frank Svestka
Harriet Kweton
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Monica and James Wood



Jana Bennett Stewart, sister of Joyce Van Cura
Prayers for comfort and peace to Lynda Nadkarni and her family on the death of her father, Bill Mudra.
Prayers for comfort and peace to family and friends of Lynn Shannon Labotka who died last week.

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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[pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **5/8** —Sundays with Ted on break today while Doug is away.
5/15 —Garry Kasparov—Stand with Ukraine in the Fight against Evil

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.



PRESCHOOL NEWS—Did you know that each year the preschool adopts an animal from the zoo? This year it was cinnamon the llama. And Friday we went on a field trip to meet her and her buddy in the enclosure. We had a whole llama fun!

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



REGUFEE RESETTLEMENT NEWS—Lynda Nadkarni and Ken Johnson from Ascension presented information about refugee resettlement to the 6th grade students at Hauser last week. At the conclusion we were presented with a check for \$334 to support the next family!



JR/SR HIGH FAITH FORMATION — The last Faith Formation for Jr/Sr High will be Sunday, May 15. More information to follow.

RIVERSIDE TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB CHICKEN DINNER

Sunday, May 15, 12 pm—5 pm

Annual drive through chicken dinner at Riverside Presbyterian Church. Purchase tickets from Jon Jansky or at the door.



We Serve

AMERICAN RED CROSS



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — June 9, 10 am - 3 pm at the Riverside Village Hall.

The Riverside Public Library and Riverside Township are teaming up to sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on June 9 in the auditorium on the 2nd floor of Village Hall. In January, the Red Cross reported that we are currently in the worst national blood shortage in a decade. If you are able and willing to donate, we hope you will sign up as a donor at this event. You must create an account and register for an appointment through the American Red Cross.

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

PENTECOST OFFERING – On June 5 as part of our celebration of Pentecost we receive one of the special offerings of the church. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.



THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

6:30 pm AcaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum
7:00 pm The Interim Project Meeting

Sunday

10:00 am Worship—Bible Presentation Sunday
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Congregational Life Mtg.
12:00 pm Lions Club Chicken Dinner Drive Thru at RPC
2:00 pm Jr/Sr High Faith Formation
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

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