

Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2022 ~ 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Sonata in C minor: Largo

C.P.E. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)

L: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

L: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

P: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the Earth, our eyes beheld my unformed substance.

L: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

A: I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

*HYMN #2

Come, Thou Almighty King

*CALL TO CONFESSION

L: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were still lost in sin, Christ died for us. And because we trust him, we can go to him in honesty and hope. So in faith and penitence, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy & merciful God, it is so hard to admit it when our own actions have taken us to places you did not, and do not, want us to go. We are sorry for our wrongs, the hurt, and the grieving they cause. Help us to learn from our mistakes, so that we do not repeat them. Help us to grow in graces of humility and mercy because of our mistakes. When we make mistakes ourselves, or add to others' mistakes, forgive us. Help us to forgive ourselves and others. Increase our understanding and deliver us from guilt. Grant that we may move on with eyes, ears, and hearts for you, so that our guilt does not solidify into shame. Help us to remember and rest in the assurance that you have always loved us and love us still. (Silence is kept.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EXHORTATION Then the Lord God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, for I the LORD your God, am a jealous God.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath and keep it holy.

Honor your father and mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not lie.

Do not covet.

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

L: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us greet one another with these words.

***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.

MINI MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

HYMN #695 Change My Heart, O God

Refrain: **Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

Change my heart, O God: may I be like you.

Verse: **You are the Potter; I am the clay.**

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

SCRIPTURE

Philemon 1:1-21

NT p. 215

ANTHEM

Sing Unto the Lord

Händel

SERMON

“Leadership”

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #543

O Christ, Surround Me

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

THE LORD’S SUPPER Hymnal p. 8-12

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #187 *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #544 *Bless the Lord* (x2)

**Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.**

POSTLUDE

March

Lefébure-Wély



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SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

BLESSING THE ANIMALS is Sunday, September 18 at 10am. Please bring your animal friend, or a picture of your animal friend to be blessed. Worship will be held outside so please bring a lawn chair or a blanket.



acaBELLa RINGERS — The acaBELLa Ringers have been a part of RPC since 2004. We are looking for a few individuals as substitutes. All adults or children as young as 4th grade would be welcome to join us. We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm beginning September 14th. You do not need to be a member of RPC to join us. We have always had some ringers from the larger Riverside community as a part of our group. While we greatly appreciate any musical skills our members have, this is not a requirement. We will teach you as we go. Please contact Sally Sloane for more information. musikhse@comcast.net or 708/822-0655

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Sonata in C minor: Largo*; C.P.E. Bach
Anthem: *Sing Unto the Lord*; Händel
Postlude: *March*; Lefébure-Wély
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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter: Wendy Seifert
Liturgist: Elizabeth Musick
Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni
Thank you to Sandra Kappmeyer and Mary Beth Wynn for joining today's Ministry of Music.
Flowers today are given in loving memory of my brother, Don Lincoln James, from Joyce Dobrzanski.
Fellowship is hosted by Doug Asbury.
Trustees of the Month: Lynda Nadkarni and Brad Staubus

Susanne and Will Vogel
Ginny Yang
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood
Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Michael DeVries, nephew of Thom and Nancy DeVries



RINGERS AND SINGERS - FIRST REHEARSAL
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21st. Since 2006 RPC has been home to two children's choirs: The Riverside Ringers and the Riverside Singers. We meet Wednesdays during the school year from 4:15 - 5:15. Children from ages 5 - 12 are welcome to join our group. We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us musikhse@comcast.net or 708-822-0655. There is no tuition for joining the group—no fees whatsoever.



PRESCHOOL NEWS—We're gearing up for the new school year! Part of that is scheduling special guests. Do you have a skill or hobby to share? You can participate in circle time and help the students learn something new. Do you like to read? Every day they have a book read to them while they snack and would enjoy a new face and voice. See Lynda if you'd like to be on the calendar.

SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom. Here is the link you can click on 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=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **9/4** — Paloma Medina—Let's Stop Talking About Diversity and Start Working Toward Equity **9/11** — Joan C. Williams—We won't fix American politics until we talk about class

LOOSE COIN OFFERING—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund. In lieu of loose coins, indicate Presbytery Hunger Fund in the memo line of a check or online.



LITTLE FOOD PANTRY —Every morning the food pantry is stocked, by noon it is mostly empty and stocked again, and by the evening fairly depleted. Can you help our food insecure neighbors by picking up some extra canned goods when you go shopping this week? Thank you!

AGING WELL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY RESOURCE & HEALTH FAIR — Thursday, September 22, 10 am—1 pm at the North Riverside Village Commons, 2401 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside.



AMERICAN RED CROSS FIRST AID/CPR/AED TRAINING — Sunday, 9/18, 2:30-5:00 pm OR Saturday, 9/24, 9:30 am-Noon, \$22 per participant — Pack 24 and Troop 24 Leaders invite members of RPC to join them for this important training event. Interested people can email pack24riverside@gmail.com to sign up for one of the two training dates. Participants can decide to take the “Adult & Pediatric” or “Adult Only” class. Some online work will need to be completed prior to the in-person class at RPC. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

REFUGEE UPDATE - Mentor Ken Johnson from Ascension visited with the new family last Sunday. Pictured with Ken are (L to R) Tombe, Nancy, Rosa, Diana, Lilian and Joy. Please pray for their continued transition to life in Chicago.



THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship with Communion

11:00 am Fellowship

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum

Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

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Riverside Presbyterian, IL

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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