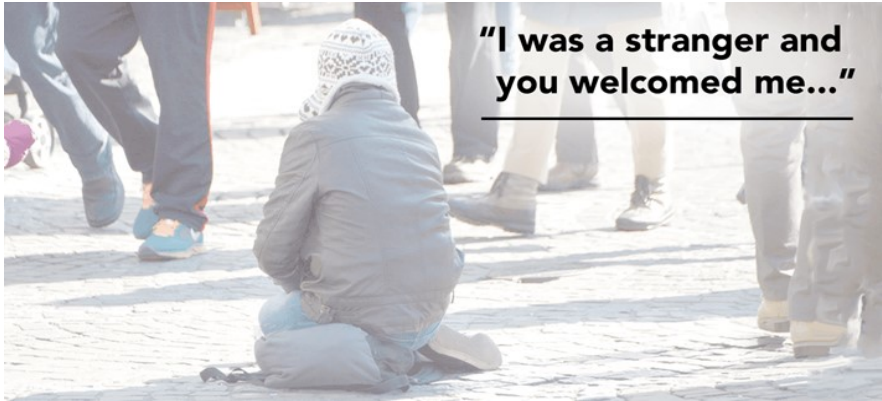


Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

July 23, 2023

Please silence your cell phones.

\* Please stand in body or Spirit. **Bold** indicates congregational response.



**All are invited to share gifts in the offering plates located at the end of the aisles. The plates will be brought forward prior to the Doxology.**

**WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD**

PRELUDE

*Air from Suite #3 in D*

J S Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Please greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 25:31-46)

We come, for God gathers us here,  
Into a community full of faith:

**where the hungry are served first,  
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here into a home full of grace:

**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;  
where the stranger is embraced as a neighbor.**

We come, for God reunites us here,  
sisters and brothers into a family of love;

**Where the imprisoned model justice,  
Where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

\*HYMN #401                      *Here in This Place (Gather Us In)*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We stock the food pantry,  
but brush aside those who hunger for friendship.  
We give our hand-me-downs away,  
but overlook those whose hopes have been stripped away.  
We glad-hand those just like us,  
but turn a deaf ear to our neighbors who 'talk funny.'**

**Forgive us, Hope of the ages.**

**You persistently search for us in the side streets of the world, gathering us up and bringing us home, so we may be drenched in the waters of your bottomless pool of forgiveness, watched over by your Child, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**                      (Silence is kept.)

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God searches for the lost,  
**and finds us;**  
God invites the hungry to the table,  
**and feeds us;**  
God sends Jesus,  
**and frees us from death's prison;**  
God forgives all who sin,  
**and heals us with mercy and grace.**  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*THE GLORIA PATRI                      *Glory Be to the Father*                      #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Christ, 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 first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter for more information or directions.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Illuminate us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. Amen.

FIRST READING                      Genesis 18:1-8                      OT p. 14

SECOND READING                      Matthew 25:31-45                      NT p. 29

SERMON                      "Holy Hospitality"

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

\*HYMN #700                      *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.**

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.**

**Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others  
and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

**We deserve God's condemnation.**

**Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.**

**In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant  
people to bless all families of the earth.**

**Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel  
from the house of bondage.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.**

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
Like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY      *He Shall Feed His Flock*      Beck

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERINGS

Grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love we present  
these gifts to you, God. Use them to further your will and transform  
our world into your new, redeemed creation. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

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.**

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #697 (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)      *Take My Life*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE      *Fanfare*      Purcell

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Prayer for Illumination, Affirmation of Faith and Prayer of Dedication written by  
Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.

Call to Worship and Assurance of Pardon written by Thom Shuman.



## Riverside Presbyterian Church

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**JULY 23, 2023**

Dear RPC,

### FROM THE PASTOR

What a joy it was to meet so many new people at the Strawberry Ice Cream Social on Wednesday! It was an excellent event that also resonates with this week's installment in my Matthew 25 sermon series – welcoming the stranger. It also so happens that this year's West Suburban Summer Read book selection is [See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love](#), by Valarie Kaur. Is God trying to tell us something?

If you are interested in discussing this or another title about strangers, I would love to get together! Here are a couple others that I highly recommend: [Talking to Strangers](#) by Malcolm Gladwell, and [Together: The Healing Power of Human Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World](#) by Vivek Murthy.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Mark

**SAVE THE DATE — AUGUST 6, 10:00 AM** — Rev. Mark Zimmerly's Service of Installation followed by fellowship. The Presbyterian Moderator, Rev. Barbara Gorsky, will preach for the Installation Service.

**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL THANK YOU!** — Many thanks to all who participated in any way to help make the social a wonderful community event! It was a fun night and over \$1,000 was raised for the Little Food Pantry.

#### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Thank you** to Ellen Hamilton for joining today's Ministry of Music.

**Greeter:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Liturgist:** Susan Lynch

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Flowers** today are in celebration of Debra and Jonathan Jansky's 40 years of love together.

**Fellowship** is hosted Lynda Nadkarni.

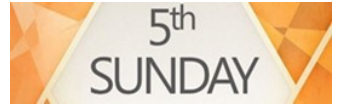
**Trustees of the Month:** Henry Vogel and Tom Radigan

Harriet Kweton  
John Lynch  
Lloyd Bradbury  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood



Alice Ann Hand, sister of Elizabeth Musick.  
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick  
Prayers for peace and comfort for family and friends grieving the death of Edward Hand, brother-in-law of Elizabeth Musick.

**MISSION TRIP—5TH SUNDAY** — Sunday, July 30, the youth and adults from the mission trip will participate in brief worship followed by fellowship and a mission activity to support the families in Floyd County, Kentucky.



**SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS** – 6:00 p.m. We will meet in person in the church library and via Zoom. Use the following link for Zoom video: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87222338595> To join by phone, dial and follow the prompts to enter the meeting number: +13126266799,,87222338595# You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com). **7/23** — Leeja Miller—THIS Is Why Americans Are So Sick—Follow the Money **7/30** — No Sundays with TED today.



Community Support Services, Inc.

**MISSION & OUTREACH** — We are collecting school supplies again this year for Community Support Services in Brookfield. CSS supports participants with intellectual/developmental disabilities as well as families who cannot afford the supplies their children need for school. We are also collecting gently used/serviceable shoes for children and adults, as well as new socks for children. There are collection bins outside the office.

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY MANAGER** — As part of Doug Asbury’s role of Volunteer in Mission, he will be overseeing the management of the Little Food Pantry. Should you want to donate items, volunteer your time, or have any questions or suggestions, please see Doug Asbury. And thank him for his service in this capacity! The LFP is arguably our greatest mission and is helping to sustain nearly 100 people each day.

**DOUG TO D.C.** — Next week, our Volunteer in Mission, Doug Asbury, will travel to Washington, D.C. to



**MOBILIZING WOMEN  
FOR PEACE IN KOREA  
WOMENCROSSDMZ**

attend and take part in an event sponsored by Women Cross DMZ and other Korea peace groups who are seeking to bring an end to the Korean War, which has been only in cease-fire status since July 27, 1953. Please pray for peace on the Korean Peninsula and the success of the efforts of those who will gather next week. See Doug for information on the film “Crossings”, a film that chronicles the efforts of WCDMZ.

**STAFF TRANSITION** — My role as Minister of Mission and Outreach will be phased out on August 15 and a new role of Coordinator of Children’s Ministry will phase in. One constant is the Preschool Director calling for which I am thankful. The Mission and Outreach tasks are being shared among staff and volunteers, myself included. If you want to help with Refugee Resettlement, I’m the volunteer to see. Food Panty your passion? See Doug. A desire to expand the community’s knowledge of RPC and our deeds? Volunteers are desired, especially for social media outreach. Coordinating Children’s Ministry is a nice way of saying I’ll ensure Faith Formation for the children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger in the congregation. It’s coming full circle to my DCE Days and I’m excited for this opportunity! More on that next week. – Lynda Nadkarni



**PRESCHOOL EXPANSION** — Exciting news for our Preschool! The community asked and we answered. We will be offering a full-day program until 3 pm starting in September. We also will embed daily Spanish lessons into the morning for all students thanks to our current Assistant Teacher Jessica Magana and our new hire Diana Moreno. Please help us spread the word when you hear of families looking for a preschool and by liking and sharing our social media posts!

**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY** — Each month this summer the Mission & Outreach Committee challenges the congregation to stock the shelves with a particular food group. In July we are requesting personal care items - feminine hygiene, toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, hand/body lotion, sun block, face wipes.



## THIS WEEK

### Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Congregational Life  
Committee Meeting

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

### Monday

5:15 pm Volleyball

### Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

### Sunday

10:00 am Worship—5th Sunday

10:30 am Fellowship and Service  
Project

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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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Elders	2023	2024	2025
	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak	Susan Lynch	Betsy Gardner
	Jon Jansky	Carrie Staubus	Ellen Hamilton
	Sandra Kappmeyer	Mary Beth Wynn	Serina Ranft
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	2023	2024	2025
	Nancy Dvorak	Jim Marciniak	Thom DeVries
	Elizabeth Musick	Steve Marcus	Paula McCracken
	Marilyn Slanec	Wendy Seifert	Open
Trustees	2023	2024	2025
	Doug Harvin	John McGlennon	Deb Jansky
	Henry Vogel	Lynda Nadkarni	Tom Radigan
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