

**Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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.

* HYMN 419 *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Herzlich tut mich Verlangen* Brahms

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

Worship Resources are provided by *Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence* a subcommittee of *Presbyterian Health, Education and Welfare Association*.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Acolyte: Devin Zander

Ushers: Karl-Heinz Meyer, John Haugland and Connie Kelly

Liturgist: Steven Teune

Andrew Ministers: Lynda Nadkarni and Beverly Aieta

Flowers today are given by Ellen Hamilton in memory of her dearest nephew, Myles Robert Hamilton.

Coffee Fellowship is sponsored by the Personnel Committee.

Trustees of the Month: October 15: Mike Heine, October 22: George Meyer

Welcome to **Riverside Presbyterian Church**

October 15, 2017 ~ Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ask an usher for audio hearing units. ~ Please silence your cell phones.
Childcare is available for children 1st grade and younger in the upstairs childcare room.



WELCOME

WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE
Préambule Vierne/Wold

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Psalm 126 adapted
Let us come before the Lord with open hearts,
Let us bring our broken dreams, our conflicts and our griefs.
For God is good and out of sorrow will come new gladness.
The Lord will fill us again with power to sing with joyful hearts!

* HYMN insert

Come! Live in the Light!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Compassionate and Gracious God, forgive what our lips tremble to name. Free us from a past we cannot change. Break the chains that bind us.

We admit that though You have called us to love others as ourselves, we often ignore cries for help, sit in judgment of others, and wait for someone else to do justice. Be merciful to us, O God; open our ears to your Holy Spirit, stir us to action, and awaken us from complacency. Help us to reflect the Spirit of Jesus, who brought hope to the anguished and restoration to all he touched.

Silence is kept.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

* HYMN 579

Glory Be to the Father

**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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

Children age 4 through 1st grade are invited to Godly Play after the children's message. Parents may pick them up in the Creation Station room after worship.

HYMN 24 vs 3

Away in a Manger

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay. Close by me forever and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 13

Psalm 30:8-12

MEDITATION

"How Long O Lord?"

* HYMN 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

by Michael Mather, based on the writing of Martin Luther King Jr.

I refuse to believe that we are unable to influence the events which surround us. I refuse to believe that we are so bound by racism and war, that peace, brotherhood, and sisterhood are not possible.

I believe there is an urgent need for people to overcome oppression and violence, without resorting to violence and oppression. I believe that we need to discover a way to live together in peace, a way which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of this way is love.

I believe that unarmed and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. I believe that right, temporarily defeated, is stronger than evil, triumphant. I believe that peoples everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up.

By the goodness of God at work within people, I believe that brokenness can be healed. 'And the lion and the lamb shall lie down together, and everyone will sit under their own vine and fig tree, and none shall be afraid.'

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Sleeth

* HYMN *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow with Alleluias*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, Alleluia!