Beloved of God, give thanks and praise to the One who loves you forever.

We sing our hymns of joy to the

One who leads us into the kingdom.

Hearts overflow with you, (prayer continues) who forever sing of your hope and love:

Holy, holy are you, Everlasting God of grace. Every living creature in heaven and earth sing your praises. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who sits as your right hand of mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

Faithful and holy are you (prayer continues) we tell the story of that mystery we call faith:

Christ died to set us free;

Christ will come again, to bring the kingdom as close to us as God's heart.

Pour out your Spirit of imagination, (prayer continues)

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.

COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\* HYMN 516 Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

- \* BENEDICTION
- \* CHORAL BENEDICTION
- \* POSTLUDE Entree from Suite Medievale Jean Langlais
- \* You are invited to stand if able.

# Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

March 26 ~ Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 Bridges

Bill Staines

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

The morning stars profess God's glory:

the waking birds harmonize a refrain of grace.

The sun warms us with God's hope,

the night sky whispers peace to our sleepy souls:

creation's voice echoes continually in our hearts, reminding us of God's steadfast love.

Our wisdom is shattered by God's absurd love; God's vulnerability strengthens our feeble faith:

God's words place joy in our hearts; we follow them to peace and hope.

\* HYMN 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

You give us your commandments, Holy One, so we may have new life, but we continue to make the same old choices. Your love can anchor us when life threatens to overwhelm us. but we choose to cling to the slippery rocks of anger and bitterness. Your Word can strengthen us for every moment, but we listen to the foolish promises of the world.

Forgive us, Redeemer of our lives: may every word be shaped by your Word; may every thought be refined by your grace; may every deed be inspired by your Spirit, so we may tell everyone we meet of your work in us, through Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept.

- \* SUNG RESPONSE 573 (Repeat after choir) Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
- \* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE ~ Children are invited forward

**HYMN** Seek Ye First vs 1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,

and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

**SCRIPTURE** Exodus 16:1-21

Bread for the Journey: Daily Bread SERMON

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah \* HYMN 281

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM Day by Day Stephen Schwartz

\* HYMN 592 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is served by Intinction. Please come forward by the aisle closest to the piano, move to a server, select a generous piece of bread, dip it in the juice and commune. Return to your seats using the other aisle.

INVITATION

#### SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers for those grieving the loss of Char Kunkel. Healing for Bill Vogel, Joyce VanCura, Don Lisle (Matt Lisle's dad), and George and Dolores Sloane (Sally's parents).

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

May the God of Lent be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, open your hearts.

We open them to the One who calls us 'Beloved.'