

\* 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 483

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

*Pirates of the Caribbean*

Badelt/Radnich

\* *You are invited to stand if able.*

### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

*Maeve and Patrick Marzec are members of Fair Oaks Presbyterian Church in Oak Park. Maeve will be in 5th grade at Mann School in Oak Park and Patrick is entering Oak Park & River Forest HS in the fall. Many thanks to both for sharing their talents with our Ministry of Music.*

*Acolyte: Dessa Myers*

*Ushers: Bryan, Susan, Devin and Jaden Zander*

*Liturgist: Megan Foran*

*Andrew Ministers: Connie Kelly*

## **Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church**

June 25, 2017 ~ Third 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.



**God Is Holding Your Life**

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  
*Like a River Glorious*

arr. Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Every day we journey on this earth is a day in which we make choices: left or right, up or down, in or out, yes or no? Some choices are simple, and some are very complex, but one choice informs all the others: Who will be our God? Who will we trust to see us through this journey?

**Who has been with us from before the beginning, bringing us into existence? Who has loved us and blessed us and sent us on our way? Who has pointed us toward the path and posted the signs we need to find our way? Who has been at our side when the road has been smooth and gently curving? Who has kept with us through hairpin turns and construction zones, potholes and detours? Who will celebrate with us when we complete our course and seek the comfort of eternity?**

Only One. The One and Only.

**Holy One. The One and Holy.**

Will you choose this day to stay faithful to the One who is faithful to us?

**Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to place your whole trust in the One who is trustworthy?

**Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to commit your talents and your resources to the One who first endowed them?

**Count us in.**

Will you choose this day to love the One who loved us first?

**Count us in.**

\* HYMN 234

*I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We devote ourselves to you by renewing the covenant, the promise you made to humanity so long ago. Because you are our God, we will be your people. Enlarge our faithfulness, our trust, our commitment and our love so that we may graciously uphold our side of the deal. Help us always to recognize your presence and your blessings throughout our journey. Keep us in your care.**

*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

HYMN 294

*Wherever I May Wander vs 2*

**Throughout the whole creation, I see God's loving care  
For everyone in every land, God's children everywhere.  
Wherever I may wander, wherever I may be,  
I'm certain of my Maker's love; God's care is over me.**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 28:1-6

Psalms 121

SERMON

*God Is Holding Your Life*

\* HYMN 268

*God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

### WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Sonatina Op. 36 #3, Spiritoso*

Clementi

\* 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!**

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

**Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**