

You are always with us.

May we open our hearts.

May we know your presence.

In thanksgiving,

And in deepest honor.

Therefore, with people of every nation, (prayer continues) joyfully giving thanks and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,
heaven and earth reveal your glory, blessed God of Love.**

Sing hosanna in the highest!

Sing hosanna, hosanna, God of heavenly peace.

Holy God, we honor you in (prayer continues) In light of this, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ's spirit renews our lives.

Holy God, may our hearts (prayer continues) And now, in the spirit of Christ's teaching, we pray:

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

Christ has died and lives for all.

May we not forsake him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 517

We Come as Guests Invited

* BENEDICTION

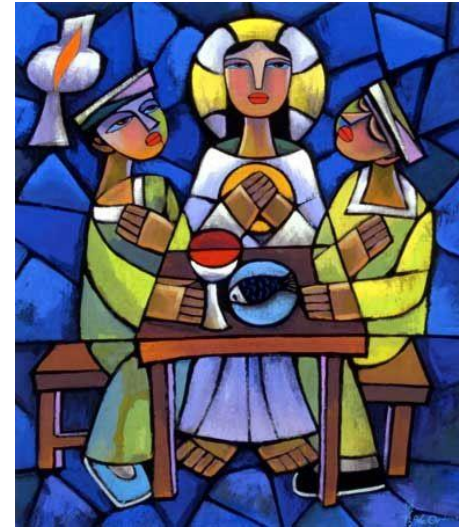
* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 17, 2017 ~ Fifteenth 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.



By He Qi

Come to the Table

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS
SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

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

Sonata in G K 328

Domenico Scarlatti/Wold

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Disciples and doubters,

we are God's, who welcomes us all.

Followers and those who lag behind,

open-hearted and close-minded,

we are the Lord's, who is always patient with us.

Reconcilers and rabble-rousers, foolish and fearless,

we are the Spirit's, who encourages us in every moment.

* HYMN 300

Down to Earth, as a Dove

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, we admit that we are not always loving and kind.

We know that we can be selfish and mean to other people,

even to people we love. Forgive us for the words we say and

the things we do that hurt other people.

But God, you love and forgive not only us, but all people.

Teach us to be like you. Show us how to love and forgive those

who are not kind or loving to us. Give us your power to forgive

them when they are as selfish and mean as we sometimes are.

Help us forgive them when they do things and say words that

hurt us.

Silent Reflection

* 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 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

Romans 14:1-12

Mathew 18:21-35

MEDITATION

The Table of Peace

* HYMN

For Everyone Born

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *I'll Walk with God*

Brodsky/MacLean

* 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!

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Communion is served by Intinction. Please come forward, tear off a generous piece of bread and dip it in the cup, then commune. After you commune leave the server and return to your seat. During the act of communion, you are invited to sing *Come to the Table of Grace*, the words will be on the screen.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

God, you are with us.