

**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 514

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

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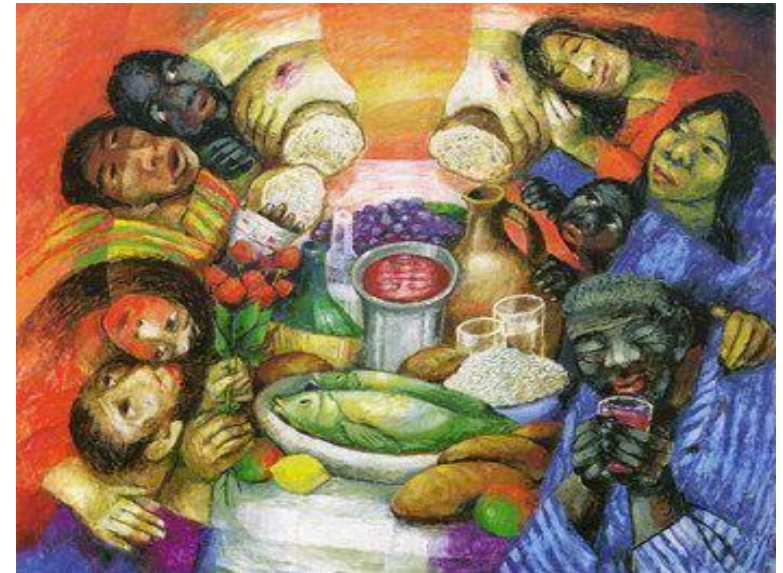
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\* *You are invited to stand if able.*

Welcome to  
**Riverside Presbyterian Church**

September 24, 2017 ~ Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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*By Sieger Kodor*

# 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  
*Andantino*

Tournemire

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

In the prayers and the praise, in the words and the wonder:

**we are given enough joy to live each day.**

In the justice for the oppressed,

in the unexpected generosity for the lost:

**we are given enough compassion to use in service each day.**

In the promises made to all, in the mercy offered to each:

**we are given enough grace to share each day.**

\* HYMN 288

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**It seems we cannot decide, God of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it – but surely, not us).**

**Forgive us, God of Peace.**

**Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace.**

**Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

*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

Philippians 1:21-30

Mathew 20:1-16

MEDITATION

*The Table of Grace*

\* HYMN 263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**WE RESPOND IN FAITH**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY *There's Something About That Name* Gaither/Larson

\* 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.