

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE *Finale from "A Patriotic Suite"* Callahan

* *You are invited to stand if able.*

488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid-dle a-ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv-ing Lord to
 lon-ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-



see your life un-fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be-long. If you find some-one to share your
 plete what I've be-gun. When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea-ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
 make your vers-es rhyme from dusk till ris-ing sun."
 I have al-ways been with just one more sur-prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un-fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

July 2, 2017 ~ Fourth 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

Ride On, King Jesus!

Johnson

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Though the way seems long and the road rough

We will trust the One who leads us.

Though the direction is unknown and we don't know the outcome

We will place our lives in God's loving care.

It is God who brings us out to green pastures
 and restores our souls.

It is God who gives us hope and peace.

* HYMN 172 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

We grumble and complain about our daily lot in life. We read the newspapers, watch the news and moan about the evil which flourishes in the world. And we wonder, "Where are you, O God?"

We turn our backs on the needs of the poor or give only a cursory acknowledgment of their plight. We throw our hands up in the air and act as though we are defeated. And we cry, "Why isn't God taking care of all this?"

Forgive us, forgive our arrogance, our ignorance, our pettiness. Forgive us when we could have done something to help someone else, but chose instead to turn away. Forgive us when we, by our attitudes and language, our thoughts and actions, have gone against your will.

You lead us daily in right paths. You stand with us in times of trial and in the presence of those whom we fear, giving us your abundant love. How can we doubt your presence? Help us to trust you. Give us strength and courage, joy and peace for all the work that you have for us to do. *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 *Deep and Wide*

**Deep and wide, Deep and wide
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide
Deep and wide, Deep and wide
There's a fountain flowing deep and wide**

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23

SERMON

God Is Holding Your Life

* HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

We Lift Our Hearts to Thee

Lovelace

* 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

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Holy One.

Let us give thanks

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 170

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want