

739 Pass It On

"Freely you have received, freely give." Mt. 10:8

Unison

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
2. What a won - drous time is spring when all the trees are
3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that

go - ing, and soon all those a-round can
bud - ding, the birds be - gin to sing, the
I've found, you can de - pend on him, it

warm up in its glow - ing. That's how it is with
flow - ers start their bloom - ing. That's how it is with
mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the

God's love once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it; you spread his
God's love once you've ex - pe - ri - enced it; you want to
moun - tain top - I want my world to know; the Lord of

love to ev - ery - one; you want to pass it on.
sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.
love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Welcome to Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 9, 2018
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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childcare room.

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The Prodigal Son

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME

WE GATHER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE (Responsive)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Minuet II

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

The foolish say, 'there is no God.'
**We come, trusting in Jesus, the face, the voice,
the presence of the God who loves us.**
The cynics of our age ask, 'why do you seek after God?'
**We come, in this time,
because God's grace has spilled over into our lives.**
The hopeless around us think, 'no one cares about me.'
**We come, in this time, to this place,
because Jesus has found us and has brought us home.**

* HYMN 356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.

How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us.

Silent prayers

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN 391 verse 1 *Take My Life*

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN *Children are invited forward*

* HYMN FOR UNDERSTANDING 321 (vs 1) *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*
**Holy Spirit, truth divine, Dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light, Wake my spirit, clear my sight.**

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:4a; 7-9; 15-18, 21-25
Genesis 3:1-12
Luke 15:11-32

MEDITATION *Loving Shame Away*

* HYMN 366 *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

WE RESPOND

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY Arietta W. A. Mozart

* 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

SHARING JOYS & 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.

WE DEPART

* HYMN (back of bulletin) *Pass It On*

* BENEDECTION

POSTLUDE Musette BWV Anhang II, 126 J. S. Bach

* *You are invited to stand if able.*