

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

April 14, 2019
Palm Sunday

Ask an usher for audio hearing units.
Please silence your cell phone.

Childcare is available for children 1st grade
and younger in the upstairs childcare room.

* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.

When Jerusalem came into view,
He looked intently at the city
and began to weep.

"How I wish you knew today what would
bring peace!"

Luke 19:41-42

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **PASSING THE PEACE** (Responsive)
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

WE GATHER

PRELUDE & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

The Palms

Fauré

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

On this day of palms and celebration, Jesus continues his journey with God.

We will go with him, for a while, until he turns towards Calvary.

From the top of Olive Mountain,

Jesus prepares to travel through the valley of heartache and loss.

We will follow Jesus, for a while, cradling hope in our hearts.

In the streets of Jerusalem, Jesus hears the cries of those who adore him.

We will shout Jesus' name, for a while, until we cry out, "Crucify him!"

- * HYMN 89

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

* INVITATION TO PRAYER

PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

We are set free by your saving grace, Generous God, yet we must confess how we are still bound by our pride and arrogance. We seem unable to throw off the grave clothes of our habitual sin, finding them too comfortable to wear. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and make such good companions.

Yet, there in every corner of our lives, in every shadow we fear, into the cold embrace of death itself, you come, Steadfast Love. You break the bonds of sin and terror, giving us new strength and hope for the journey, and calling us to new life through the love of Jesus.

(Silent prayers)

* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 85 Verse 1

What Wondrous Love Is This

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the heavy cross for my soul,
for my soul, to bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Patterson

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:29-38

Luke 19:41-44

MEDITATION

Via Dolorosa: If Only You Had Known What Would Bring Love

* HYMN 450

O Day of Peace

WE RESPOND

* STATEMENT FOR LENT (Unison)

**I am standing before the cross in all its brutality
and feel overwhelmed by the enormity of it all.**

**Why could the church not have a nice life-affirming symbol instead of a cross?
Something to remind us to love each other and that love will always triumph in the end.**

**But perhaps that would be just too easy;
perhaps we need reminding that to love unconditionally often comes at a cost.
When we cross the barriers of prejudice and exclusion that society puts up to separate us
from the poor and despised from our traditional enemies;
when we truly stand up for what is right, we too may be rejected and ridiculed.**

**The cross reminds us that love has no boundaries, no limitations;
we must keep loving, regardless of the consequences.**

**The cross is not a symbol of defeat, but a symbol of the victory of unconditional selfless love
which should support and inspire us to follow in Jesus' footsteps.**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

ANTHEM

Ride On, King Jesus

arr. Fleming

* HYMN OF RESPONSE 85 Verse 2

What Wondrous Love Is This

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme,
I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER 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

A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd 200



1 A cheer - ing, chant - ing, diz - zy crowd had
2 They laid their gar - ments in the road and
3 When day dimmed down to deep - ening dark the
4 Lest we be fooled be - cause our hearts have
5 In - stead of palms, a wind - ing sheet will



stripped the green trees bare, and hail - ing Christ as
spread his path with palms and vows of last - ing
crowd be - gan to fade till on - ly tram - pled
surged with pass - ing praise, re - mind us, God, as
have to be un - rolled, a car - pet much more



king a - loud, waved branch - es in the air.
love be - stowed with roy - al hymns and psalms.
leaves and bark were left from the pa - rade.
this week starts where Christ has fixed his gaze.
fit to greet the king a cross will hold.

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Reflections on "E'en so Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE —Throughout Lent, we will follow the way of Jesus on the Via Dolorosa, which is Latin for the Way of Sorrow. Traditionally this is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem, believed to be the path that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. We are going to look at various stories from Jesus' life where tears and sorrow figured prominently and seek to understand how God through Jesus transforms our lives.

- On Maundy Thursday, April 18, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for soup; the service begins at 7:00 pm. The service is interactive with activities for all ages. We will use Prayer Stations which are prayer activities that invite us to read/listen/reflect and then respond to God's voice. They involve more than just our mind, engaging our body and our emotions as well. These allow God to break us through our guarded exterior and speak to us in our depth of being.
- Good Friday Prayer Vigil—a sign-up sheet is available. The sanctuary will be open during the day for prayer and meditation.
- Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 am, led by Rev. Doug Asbury, outdoors or indoors, depending on the weather. A light meal in the manse will follow.
- Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion.



LENTEN PRACTICES — **Prayer** is an essential part of the Lenten experience.

There is a saying that without prayer, fasting is just dieting. Without prayer, almsgiving is just social work. Prayer connects us with our loving God. As an act of preparation for worship, you are invited to read the Scripture that will be used in worship.

Fasting helps us focus on God. Sometimes we are called to give up a food item. Sometimes we are called to give up something which is occupying our time, like video games or endless checking on social media. This is a good time to think about what is ruling your life. What is occupying your time and thoughts? Give that thing up. And then when Lent is over, contemplate where your focus went when you no longer had that thing. Were you more able to focus on God and others? If so, try not to let whatever you gave up take over your life again.

Almsgiving is the act of giving to the poor. Through almsgiving we share God's love with others, and we recognize that the gifts we have are not really our own. If the thing you are fasting from leaves a little extra money in your pocket, then give that money to a worthy charity which helps the poor. You can also donate goods. If you really want to push yourself, give your time in direct service to another. Acts of service can be considered almsgiving, especially if you do them with the intention of sharing your gifts. You might encounter Jesus in the faces of those you are serving. This year as part of your almsgiving you are invited to bring the following items each Sunday for use in our Little Food Pantry. As an act of service, you are invited to help us stock the pantry.

- Palm Sunday, April 14 – Peanut Butter & Jelly - Luke 19:41-44
- Easter Sunday, April 21 (not a Sunday in Lent) – Canned fruit - John 20



JAZZ SUNDAY IS APRIL 28 — Andrew Tecson and his jazz musician colleagues will be featured at morning worship on April 28. Since 2006 the annual "Jazz Sunday at RPC" has been a beloved tradition, with the band providing all music for the service. The son of RPC member Caroline Tecson and the late Joseph Tecson, Andy, a lawyer (a graduate of the University of Chicago Law School), grew up in Riverside and has played the saxophone since he was a young boy. He is a composer as well and began composing music as a student at Riverside - Brookfield High School. Some of his compositions are the Jazz Psalms, the Chicago Jazz Mass, and more recently, with his fellow musicians Bobby Schiff and Bobby Lewis, a Jazz Passion. All of these works have been performed in regional churches and beyond. A special treat to enjoy is the opportunity to hear the members of this talented ensemble improvise individually on their instruments: Andy Tecson, saxophone; Bobby Schiff, piano; Larry Gray, bass; Jerry Coleman, drums; Ken Jandes, saxophone; Kirk Garrison, trumpet; and Kecia Waldschmidt, vocalist. You won't want to miss this lively service. Please join us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL — is open to all ages. In combination with Sunday School, Jr. High Youth group will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. Volunteers are needed. Sign up outside of the Christian Ed office or contact Diante. **April 21—No Sunday School**

JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH YOUTH — **Saturday, April 20** — we will be going to the movies. Please bring money to cover the cost of the ticket plus any snacks you might like. We need an Adult Volunteer.

NEW EQUAL EXCHANGE FAIR TRADE ITEMS – There are many new organic fair-trade items for sale outside of Dale's office (green, black and herbal tea, breakfast blend and french roast coffee, baking cocoa and hot cocoa and new chocolates). Proceeds go to support the Senior High Mission Trip.

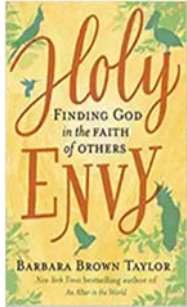


CARERS TRUNK APRIL — This month the CARERS Committee will be collecting cereal of all kinds for BEDS Plus, which serves the homeless.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SIGN-UP—Please sign up to bring soup, set up or clean up on Maundy Thursday.

SPRING SERVICE AUCTION – SAVE THE DATE! This year we are splitting our fundraising auction into two events. On Sunday, May 19 at 5:00 pm, we will host a Cinco de Mayo themed dinner, accompanied by an auction of member-prepared dinner parties, meal deliveries, vacation homes and other services or items that have proved to be popular items in the past. (We know that some of last year's dinner events are yet to be held, but this is the only year we will have overlap.) In the fall there will be an Oktoberfest Dinner and Auction that will be a more community-wide event. Both events are critical to a healthy budget.

Please make every effort to attend the May 19 Service Auction! You can shout Ole! for a great Mexican meal (including libations!) and line up your social calendar for the rest of 2019 and the first part of 2020 with the wonderful events being offered. Muchas Gracias!



NEW THEOLOGY ON TAP — April 29 will kick-off our next Theology on Tap. Location will be announced. We are reading Barbara Brown Taylor's new book, *Holy Envy*. In *Holy Envy*, Taylor contemplates myriad ways other people and traditions encounter the Transcendent, both by digging deeper into those traditions herself and by seeing them through her students' eyes as she sets off with them on field trips to monasteries, temples, and mosques.

Troubled and inspired by what she learns, Taylor returns to her own tradition for guidance, finding new meaning in old teachings that have too often been used to exclude religious strangers instead of embracing the divine challenges they present. Re-imagining some central stories from the religion she knows best, she takes heart in how often God chooses outsiders to teach insiders how out-of-bounds God really is.

PRESCHOOL FLOWER SALE— Our annual Geranium Sale is going on. See attached flyer. The flowers are of the highest quality. Orders due by April 16. They will be delivered to RPC on Monday, May 6 in time for Mother's Day. Thanks for your continued support!

WOMEN'S CIRCLE for Fellowship and Study — Wednesday, April 24 at 10:00 am in the Social Hall. All women are welcome to join us for coffee, fellowship and study as we discuss "God's Promise" by Amy Poling Sutherland. Lesson Eight "God with Us as the Holy Spirit". John 14:1-31. Led by Ellen Hamilton.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING — Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Offering envelopes are in the pews, or you may note One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the May —June Upper Room are in the rack outside the office.



2020 CHURCH TRIP—Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Blue Mosque and Hoga Sofia in Istanbul? How about floating around in the Aegean Sea, stopping at Santorini, considered the most breathtaking of the Greek Isles, and several other islands? Or walking among the ruins of the Parthenon on the Acropolis in Athens?

You can do all that as well as walk in the towns that inspired Paul's letters and visit the cave where John was said to have received the Revelation if you join us on our RPC trip to Greece & Churches of the Revelation. We are considering three dates

(including a summer option) in 2020 in hopes that many of you will be able to come. Pastor Dale will be holding informational meetings on Sunday, April 28 and Sunday May 5 after worship, to provide more information, or you can call him personally if you can't attend any of these dates. Those who traveled to Israel and Egypt with us in 2018 know how fun it is to travel with church members. Hope you can join us!

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Wednesday

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday

6:30 am Women’s Forum
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Soup
Supper
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday

10:am Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Saturday

Youth Group Movie Day

Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Easter Service
9:00 am Human Scene
10:00 am Easter Worship
2:00 Caledonia

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Liturgist: Frank Gangware

Ushers: Fred and Donna Mitchell

Andrew Ministers: Susan Lynch and Lynda Nadkarni

Trustees of the Month: Cyril Friend and Susan Deems-Dluhy

Flowers are given by Joyce Dobrzanski.

Coffee Fellowship is hosted by Ellen Hamilton.

Thank you to the RPC Chancel Choir and the Riverside Singers for joining today’s Ministry of Music.

2019 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders

2019	2020	2021
Jeanine Buttimer	Frank Gangware	Gwen Heine
Patti Friend	Martha Heine	Allan Halline
Susan Lynch	Lynda Nadkarni	Matt Lisle
Lisa Aulerich- Marciniak	Dennis Zander	
	Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk of Session	

Deacons

Ellen Hamilton	Lloyd Bradbury	Deb Jansky
Sandy Kappmeyer	Charlie Juister	Serina Ranft
Steve Teune	Sally Sloane	Wendy Seifert
	Jeanne Smith	

Trustees

Susan Deems-Dluhy	Patti Perry	Thom DeVries
Cyril Friend	Doug Harvin	Fred Mitchell
Fred Kitch	Hank Vogel	
Brad Staubus		

Mission Statement

We gather as a church to:
Celebrate God’s presence,
Nurture the Spiritual Life,
Carry the light of Christ into the world,
Serve God by serving others.

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