

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

July 7, 2019 ~ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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\* Indicates please stand in body or spirit.

# Eternal Father Strong to Save Songs of the Faith

a series of sermons about our favorite hymns

CHIMING THE HOUR

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS

\* 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

*Minuets 1 & 2 from Partita in B $\flat$*

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) *The Declaration of Interdependence from The Center for Progressive Christianity*  
We hold these truths to be self-evident:

**That all life is interconnected and endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights and responsibilities, that among these are presence, compassion, and the pursuit of happiness.**

That to secure these rights and responsibilities,

**We open our minds and hearts to the needs of others, and our own true needs,**

**We hear the sound of the living universe in our ears, and add our voices to the song,**

**We live every moment with awareness of the purity and power of existence.**

And for the support of this Declaration, we pledge to each other our love and our breath,

**For the freedom of the one is the freedom of the all,**

**and the pain of the one is the pain of the all; the breath of the one is the breath of the all,**

**and the breath of the all is the breath of God.**

\* HYMN 507

*I Come with Joy*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

They can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace. Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us. There seems to be so much wrong in the world, we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do. The storms of sin and temptation batter at us, and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us, God of Hope. Remind us that if we but open our hearts, you will heal us. If we but listen to your words, we will hear peace and joy. If we but open our lives to you, we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers, even as we have been served by Jesus.

(Silent prayers)

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

\* SUNG RESPONSE

FORGIVENESS

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## We Are Forgiven

The musical score is written on three staves in G major, 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God." The chords are: G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, Dsus, D, G, Am, D7, Gsus, G, C, G, Am7, D, G.

### WE LISTEN

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited forward

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 107:23-32

Matthew 8:18-27

MEDITATION

\* HYMN 562

*Eternal Father , Strong to Save*

**WE RESPOND**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY                      *Sonata in G Op. 49 #2, Allegro, ma non troppo*                      Beethoven

\* SUNG RESPONSE                      *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 open to all and is served by intinction. Please come forward, by the main aisles, take a piece of bread (crackers are gluten free), dip it in the chalice and commune. Return to your seats by the outer aisle.  
The chalice contains juice, the bowl contains wine.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

We give thanks for the unfolding of matter...brought us to this moment in time.

**We celebrate our common origin with everything that exists.**

We celebrate the mystery...unique and personal expression.

**God is everywhere present.**

**In grace-filled moments of sharing.**

**In carefully created communities of loving solidarity.**

We are one with everything...enable us to dare and to dream and to risk.

**Together may we re-imagine the world.**

Together may we work to make all things new.

**Together may we celebrate the possibilities and hope we each have and are called to share.**

**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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**WE DEPART**

\* HYMN

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

\* BENEDICTION

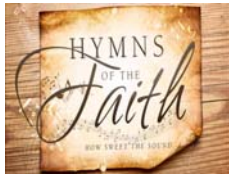
POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "America the Beautiful"*

Dixon

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES ON THE YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS** — Reverend Jackson is preaching on your favorite hymns; we will learn the story behind their authorship, sing them and learn about their theological content. Share your favorite hymns with him now. 6/16 Be Thou My Vision; 6/23 The Holy City; 7/7 Eternal Father Strong to Save; 7/14 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past; 7/21 Come Live in the Light ; 8/4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!; 8/11 His Eye Is on the Sparrow; 8/18 The Church in the Wildwood, 8/25 I Danced in the Morning.



**STRAWBERRY SOCIAL**— It is that time of year again! Mark your calendar for Wednesday, July 17 for our annual Strawberry Social. Please consider donating your time and talents by volunteering to work the event, bake a cake to share or bake a fancy cake for the raffle. Sign up to help through the church website or by following this direct link: <https://tinyurl.com/y5dqmn7p>. Tickets for the event are \$5 and can be purchased through the church office.



**LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — DONATION OF THE MONTH** for July. Granola and Cereal Bars. Financial donations are always appreciated. The Little Food Pantry is changing lives. Thank you for your help!

**CHANCEL FLOWERS** — If you have garden flowers, please consider choosing a Sunday to provide flowers for our sanctuary. Contact the church office to make arrangements.

**LOOSE COIN OFFERING** — On the first Sunday of each month, we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to feed the hungry. The money will go to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund.

**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.

**2020 CHURCH TRIP** — Have you ever dreamed of seeing the Blue Mosque and Haga 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. The trip is June 12-June 24, 2020.

**COMMUNION** — Wine has been used in Communion celebrations for the past 2,000 years. That is until about 1869 when the temperance movement, which had been building momentum since the 1820's, was in full swing and congregations were wondering what to do. In 1869 Thomas Bramwell Welch in an effort to provide his Methodist church with a nonalcoholic alternative to communion wine figured out how to pasteurize grape juice and many churches started serving juice.



When communion is served by Intinction (when we come forward) a blush wine will be served in bowls and juice in the chalice. When communion is served in the pews the glasses in the center of the tray will have blush wine and the outer rings will have juice. You will have the freedom to choose which you desire. Parents it is up to you to decide between wine and juice for your child; the consumption of alcohol by minors in the state of Illinois is allowable for religious purposes.

**CARERS CORNER JULY — Back to School** The RPC annual school supplies drive this July will focus on ELEMENTARY school children from our West Suburban communities. Baskets will be lined up in the office entrance hallway. Each will be labeled with the needed items. Community Support Services headquartered in Brookfield will distribute all donations. The CARERS Trunk will also be accepting non-perishable food items for our own RPC Little Food Pantry.



**ALL CHURCH WORK DAYS** — RPC Trustees invite everyone to All Church Work Days —actually just 2 hours per month — to help maintain and enhance our church property. In good weather, we focus on the outdoors, and when the weather is cold or wet, we move inside. We welcome help for jobs like raking mulch (or leaves), weeding or watering, painting, changing lightbulbs and light fixtures. No advanced skills are needed. Upcoming dates and work plans are as follows:

**Wednesday, July 10, 6-8 pm:** Outdoor lawn and garden prep for the Strawberry Social.

**Wednesday, August 14, 6-8 pm:** Outdoor work.

**Saturday, September 21, 9-11 am:** Outdoor or indoor tasks.

**NOTE FROM CARERS** — CARERS is again asking for new Christmas cards to be used for the Companion Prison Ministry. If you have some to donate, please leave them by the CARERS' trunk.

**GLORY TO GOD HYMNALS**— Honor or memorialize a family or friend through the purchase of a hymnal. Order forms are a bulletin insert and available outside the office. See Lynda Nadkarni with any questions.

SAVE THE DATE

**July 17:** Strawberry Social

**July 21:** Free Community Dinner

**July 21-27:** Youth Mission Trip

**July 28:** Youth Sunday & Recognition of graduating seniors

**September 14:** Oktoberfest

**October 25:** Trivia—Halloween Theme

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** — The office is open Monday-Thursday from 9 am to noon and closed on Fridays. Marika Floros is staffing the office this summer.

**IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE CHILDREN** —

Have you been wondering how to help with the crisis at the border, especially as it impacts children? Susan Krehbiel from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has provided the following advice:

1. Do you want to send something? Do not send items such as soap or toothbrushes or the like. The facilities cannot receive these because of government procurement policies. Instead, send money to PDA which is working with organizations to help families at the border. They provide shelter when they are released, help with transportation, items for the bus, medical attention. <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/refugee-ministry/>

You can also send money to organizations supporting the “Know Your Rights” campaign that assists people to know their rights under the U.S. Constitution.

2. Do you want to affect legislation? Contact the office of your Representative or Senators to express your opinion on this issue. Organizations that monitor current legislation will be able to keep you abreast of any bills moving through the Congress.

3. Do you want to do something in Chicago? Many of the children, some of them still unaccompanied, end up in Chicago. There is an organization supported by our friends in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America called AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities; <https://www.elca.org/ammparo>). This organization provides one on one response to the children. You can also check with legal aid societies or the ACLU in the Chicago area about ways to be present in court when children and families must appear before a judge. This provides support to the families and children; it also helps judges to know that the community is paying attention to what happens.

**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Deacons Potluck  
2:00 pm Worship at Cantata

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball  
7:30 pm Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum

**Wednesday**

6:00 pm All Church Work Day

**Thursday**

6:30 am Women's Forum  
10:00 am CARERS Meeting

**Sunday**

9:00 am Human Scene  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship

**Trustees of the Month:** Susan Deems-Dluhy & Doug Harvin

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Liturgist:** Elizabeth Musick

**Ushers:** Susan Lynch and Lynda Nadkarni

**Communion Servers:** Jeanine Buttimer, Ellen Hamilton, Martha Heine, & Wendy Seifert.

**Fellowship Time** is an Independence Day themed potluck hosted by the deacons.

**Flowers** today are given for God's Glory and in honor of the June & July wedding anniversaries of my three wonderful children and their great spouses, by Elizabeth Musick.

**Thank you** to Maeve Marzec for joining today's Ministry of Music. Maeve is a 7th grader attending Percy Julian Middle School in Oak Park.

**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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