

Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion



Riverside Presbyterian Church

August 23, 2020 ~ 10:00 am Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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PRELUDE Flute Solo Arne/Bish

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO A TIME OF WORSHIP LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE SILENT REFLECTION

You are invited to a moment of quiet rest, a time of slowing the pace of your body and mind so that the spirit can settle.

OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN

In the Bulb There Is a Flower



- 1 In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
- 2 There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o-dy;
- 3 In our end is our be-gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i-ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but - ter-flies will soon be free! there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me. in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be, From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter-y, In our death, a res-ur-rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to-ry,



un - re-vealed un - til its sea - son, some-thing God a - lone can see.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lynda Nadkarni

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 147:1-11

MEDITATION

Awakening to Beauty, Falling in Love with the World

A TIME OF REFLECTION

- Our spirits need things to live just as our bodies need things to live. God makes us for and out of beauty. How do you feed your spirit? How do you quench the thirst of your soul?
- ⋄ "Spiritual resilience" can empower us even in our most difficult times. Dr. Farley says that sometimes the awareness of that spiritual resilience can lead to adoration of Divine Love even in the hardest times. Remember a time when you were aware of this Divine presence. Consider writing a psalm or poem of adoration about that time.
- What do you see in nature that reflects a call to thrive? Where do you go to see hope through nature? Try an "intentional wander" — either in the world or on a remembered journey — and move from your mind to your senses and describe what your senses are experiencing.

FOCUS ON MISSION & INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

During these moments you are invited to witness the ways that your gifts make a difference in our community, nation and world.

MUSICAL RESPONSE Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
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!

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul
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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Sarabande from "French Suite" #1 BWV 812

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