

Bequiled

BY BEAUTY

Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion



Riverside Presbyterian Church
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Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Prichard/Behnke

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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,



waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Lynda Nadkarni

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs 4:1-7

MEDITATION

The Beauty of a World Without a Why

A TIME OF REFLECTION

- ◇ A “world without a why” is described by Dr. Farley as the idea that all beings have inherent worth simply because they are created “beautiful, beloved, and dearworthy” by God—not for any other reason. How do you relate to this idea that our worth is not measured by “doing” things that we perceive to be merit-worthy?
- ◇ What motivates you to the work and activities you do? Are you able to do these things from a “peaceful place” or is it a place of “anxiety” about worth? What expectations do you place on yourself and others?

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!

THE JOYFUL FEAST OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Please have bread or crackers and juice or another beverage ready for communion

INVITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (RESPONSIVE)

The Lord be with you,

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

The 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 OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks -
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their
 giv - ing to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly
 cours - es, the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly
 raise; who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and
 shine; the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and
 stayed us, by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 four - tains, the depths of the o - cean proclaim God di - vine.
 God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be -
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -
 fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,
 till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -
 banished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
 giv - ing: to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Bridal Chorus from "Lohengrin"

Wagner/Biggs



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