

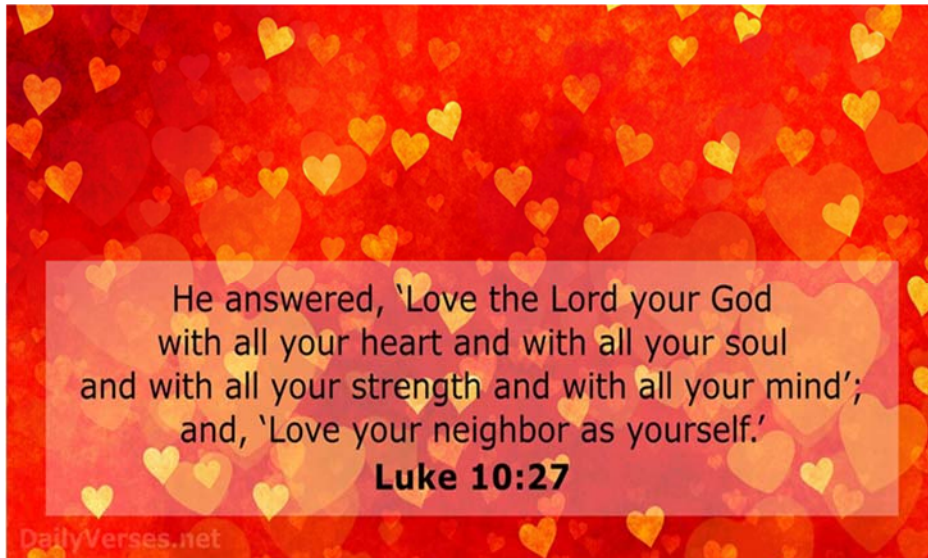
## Riverside Presbyterian Church

September 26, 2021 ~ Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

Please silence your cell phones.

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



Rev. Roberta Dodds-Ingersoll is a retired educator/pastor, having served churches in Louisiana, Texas, and Illinois. Currently she resides in Grayslake, Illinois. She spends her time volunteering for the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE), hiking Lake County Forest Preserve trails with her husband Bill, and traveling to Houston, Texas, to see her two adorable grandchildren.

## WE PREPARE

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                      *So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower*                      Shearing

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God ...

**We celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.**

Day by day, and night by night ...

**God watches over us, loving and healing us.**

Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

**Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways. AMEN**

\* HYMN 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\* INVITATION TO PRAYER

\* PRAYER FOR WHOLENESS (Unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

*Silence is kept*

\* ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

## WE LISTEN

### MINI MESSAGE

*Children are invited to stay in worship; activity bags are available.*

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:1-3a;14-24

Luke 10:25-28

### MEDITATION

*Choose This Day!*

## WE RESPOND

### INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### 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 816

*If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee*

\* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*All Glory Be to God on High*

JS Bach/Biggs

### PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

**Liturgist:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Ushers:** Sandra Kappmeyer

**Fellowship Time** is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer

### Worship Notes

Prelude: *So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower*; Shearing © Sacred Music Press

Postlude: *All Glory Be to God on High*; JS Bach/Biggs © Alfred Publishers

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**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

### Mission and Outreach

**MISSION AND OUTREACH** — Here's what's new in the Mission and Outreach of RPC....

- Steven Teune, John Haugland and I are meeting with our faith

partners at Ascension Lutheran to prepare for an Afghan family to arrive this fall/early winter through Refuge One. There will be opportunities for us all to support this family and invite others to do so as well.

- BEDS Plus and The Boulevard were both very grateful for the support we provided on our 8/29 5th Sunday. We will be packaging and delivering chicken dinners for The Boulevard on Sunday, October 24 right after worship.

- Our next 5th Sunday is Halloween. We'll be gathering in the afternoon rather than the morning for some warm food and reverse trick-or-treating where the community will be encouraged to drop off items for our food pantry in exchange for a treat from us.

- Preschool is well underway! There's a great deal of energy and enthusiasm from both the students and the staff. Thanks for liking, commenting and sharing our Facebook posts!

- While next summer seems far off, it's not too soon to think about a mission trip! Planning has begun!

Thank you for all your support!

Blessings, Lynda

**SEARCH UPDATE** —The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee has been interviewing candidates and is very hopeful that an Interim Pastor will be with us soon. In the meantime, the Worship and Music Committee has arranged for guest Pastors to continue leading in-person worship.

Carrie Staubus  
Donna Ulrich  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith  
Monica Wood  
Jerry Augutis, friend of Steve Marcus



**CALLING ALL PARENTS OF KIDS K-5TH GRADE!**

Get ready to rumble on Sunday, October 17 at 11:00 am! We will have food (of course) and fun while we also

get our church on. We will end at noon so you can go on with your day. Through sports, games, drama, and art we'll work through some of the important teachings of the Bible and figure out how they matter today. I like to think of it as "how to be a good human" time. Please let me know how many of your kiddos will attend and whether or not they will bring a friend (because life is more fun when you've got a buddy at your side)!

Lynda Nadkarni [ministerofmissionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:ministerofmissionandoutreach@rpcusa.org)  
or text 708-288-0899

**HEY YOUTH (6TH-12TH GRADE)!**

(Hey what?) Want to hang with friends, do cool things like a ropes course, have food and plan a mission trip? thought you would! Join Remind to get all the details! Just text 81010 with @youth-rpc (Make sure you get the ok from your adult first). Can't wait to see you!

Mrs. Nadkarni



**BLESSING BAGS**

Please take as many Blessing Bags from the basket as you may want to share with those you see in need.



**IN PERSON WORSHIP — Sunday 10:00 am** - you are invited to join us for worship in the Sanctuary. In conjunction with IDPH recommendations and to show our care for members and friends who are

not yet able to be vaccinated, we will be wearing masks when worshipping indoors. We also encourage everyone to practice social distancing. Both sanctuary doors will be open and those restrooms will be available.

**SUNDAY MORNING CONVERSATIONS** — Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in hybrid form. You are invited to arrive at 9:00, enter through the south door to the sanctuary and come down the hall to the library for discussion of the morning's scripture. Those who wish to join remotely may do so by logging on at 9:00 a.m. via the Zoom link for the morning worship.



**SUNDAYS WITH TED** meets in person in the upstairs RPC parlor and via Zoom starting at 6:30 p.m. on Sundays to view the TED Talk and discuss it, ending by 7:30 p.m. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676?pwd=dnNnbHF6cE43TXo3Q3NqSjZUHRFdz09> Meeting ID: 856 8518 2676, Passcode: 744144, Phone 312-626-6799. Email Doug Asbury with questions at [dougasbury@gmail.com](mailto:dougasbury@gmail.com). \*Programs are subject to change.

**Sept. 26** —Margaret Heffernan—Forget the pecking order at work (not just for the currently employed)

**Oct. 3** – Margaret Heffernan – The human skills we need in an unpredictable world



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY** —The first Sunday in October is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Paul tells us that we are to “discern the body” when we partake of Holy Communion, mindful that we note our

relationship to all our brothers and sisters in Christ in the celebration. One is not to go hungry while another is drunk! (I Cor. 11:21). Where in the world did your family originate? Celebrate your ethnic heritage on Sunday with clothing, or an artifact you can share during fellowship.

**UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS** — Copies of the September-October devotionals are available. Contact the office to arrange pick up or delivery.



Have you seen our new grand piano in the sanctuary? It sounds even lovelier than it looks. Session authorized the purchase of this gently used Kawai baby grand from Oak Park Piano for \$14,000. Four generous donors have already offset \$10,000 of the cost. If each of our member families would donate \$50 or more, we would have the piano paid off in no time! Won't you please let the beautiful sound speak to your heart and help out? Any extra funds will be used for the music program in anticipation of the wonderful day when we're able to host the Messiah again.



### **RPC 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Have you seen our growing display about that 150th anniversary? Do you have any artifacts to contribute? It's going to be fun to celebrate the history of RPC beginning with the opening of the time capsule from our 125th anniversary. It will be during fellowship on December 19. RPC was founded on December 15, 1872. We are working on an event or activity for each month of our 150th year culminating in December 2022. See Lynda Nadkarni if you have any ideas or want to lend a hand.





**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE**

A beautiful day was had by all.



*So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.*



Genesis 1:21



**2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

Elders	2021	2022	2023
	Gwen Heine	Ben Dickerson	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak
	Allan Halline	Ellen Hamilton	Sandra Kappmeyer
	Matt Lisle	Serina Ranft	Jon Jansky
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Deb Jansky	Sylvia Schade	Bridget Juister
	Wendy Seifert	Susanne Vogel	Susan Lynch
	Joyce Van Cura		
Trustees	Thom DeVries	Paula McCracken	Doug Harvin
	Fred Mitchell	Tom Radigan	Henry Vogel
	Mike Heine	Brad Staubus, President	