

## Riverside Presbyterian Church

April 10, 2022 ~ Palm Sunday

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

\* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



### WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM (Zech 9:9)

L: Rejoice greatly, Children of Zion!

**P: Shout aloud, people of Jerusalem!**

L: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

**P: Humble and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey!**

PROCESSION INTO THE CHURCH

*The Palms*

Fauré

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:1, 19-24)

L: O give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

**P: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

L: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to The Lord.

**P: This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

L: I thank you that you have answered me and become my salvation.

**P: The stone that the builders rejected has become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*HYMN #197

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

\*OPENING PRAYER

**God of Humility, Power, and Love, we acknowledge that the people's celebration of Jesus's entry into Jerusalem was genuinely emotional, but also self-serving. The laying down of garments and palm branches was based on experiences of hope in political and religious power. Even so, God, the festival of palms is still based on hope in Jesus. We exalt him, often unknowingly, but we want to exalt him fully and completely! Even as we shout Hosannas, we now anticipate Jesus' suffering, despair, and death. We understand that his death is the ultimate result of human wrongs on every side. We admit that in similar situations, with similar choices, we often will make the same decisions and errors that our forebears have made, for the very same reasons. Even so, we thank you for your mercy on us: for giving us confession, restitution, and forgiveness as ways to manage the realities of our selfishness. We thank you, Christ, for your mercy on us: for solving the problem of selfishness through the overcoming of its product, death. We thank you today, Spirit, for new chances at better lives, knowing that you are making us complete and wholly sufficient, even as we are always utterly loved. You, Holy Trinity, are our hope. Hosanna! Hosanna!**

MINI MESSAGE

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

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**Eternal God, your word silences the shouts of the mighty; your presence quickens our minds and hearts. Quiet within us every concern but your own. Speak into us the power of your Spirit, so that we may live gracefully, serve gladly, and love well.**

FIRST LESSON	Luke 19:28-40	NT p. 83
ANTHEM	<i>Ride On, King Jesus</i>	Fleming
SECOND LESSON	Philippians 2:5-11	NT p. 197
SERMON	"Hymn to Christ"	

## OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      The Apostles' Creed      Hymnal p. 35

\*HYMN # 196      *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

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.**

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY    *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*    #606  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly host; Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD**

\*HYMN #198            *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN #611, v. 3            *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began. Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever singing march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful music leads on sunward in the triumph song on life.

POSTLUDE                            *Linstead*                            arr. Behnke

### **WORSHIP NOTES**

Prelude: *The Palms*; Fauré

Anthem: *Ride On, King Jesus*; Fleming

Postlude: *Linstead*; arr. Behnke

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### **PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE**

**Greeter:** Susanne Vogel

**Liturgist:** Connie Kelly

**Mini Message:** Lynda Nadkarni

**Flowers** today are given by Joyce Dobrzanski in memory of her brother, Don Lincoln James.

**Fellowship** is hosted by Marilyn Slanec and Sandra Kappmeyer

**Trustees of the Month:** Henry Vogel and Will Vogel



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**APRIL 10, 2022**

**LENTEN AND EASTER SCHEDULE** — On Maundy Thursday, April 14, we will gather in the Social Hall at 6:30 pm for a bread and soup supper and Tenebrae Service and Foot (or hand!) Washing Service.

Easter Sunday will be filled with bells, trumpets and celebrations including communion at 10 am.



**\$150,000 IN OUR 150TH YEAR** — Take a look at our wall! The goal is to raise \$150,000 in our 150th year. You can make your gifts online or in person. Share this with people in your life who care about RPC and you!



**ALL AGES FAITH FORMATION** — Sunday, April 10, 11:00 am — Kids of all ages are invited to help put together 150 Easter bags after worship for children whose families use the Westchester food pantry. There are 150 children served weekly by the pantry from Westchester, Broadview, La Grange Park, North Riverside, and neighboring communities. Donations of candy, stickers, plastic eggs, etc. and cash for purchase of items are needed. See Lynda for more information or with questions.

**MASKING POLICY – MASKS OPTIONAL** Those with fragile health conditions or other concerns should remain masked if they wish, and we strongly encourage any who are not vaccinated to mask out of concern and courtesy for their fellow members.



**RUMMAGE SALE FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT**— RPC will hold an area wide rummage sale on May 14 from 9:00am - 2:00pm with all proceeds to support refugees. Drop off of household items and decor (no clothing or bedding) will be Sunday, May 8 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm, Monday, May 9 from 10:00am - 2:00pm and Tuesday, May 10 from 6:00 - 8:00pm. To volunteer to assist with drop off or day of, email [missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org).

Lynn Shannon Labotka  
Will Vogel  
Ruth and Frank Svestka  
Harriet Kweton  
Joyce Van Cura  
Jack Smith



Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick  
Monica and James Wood  
Bill Mudra, father of Lynda Nadkarni  
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick  
Jana Bennett Stewart, sister of Joyce Van Cura  
Prayers of comfort for family and friends of Don James who died April 3. Don is the brother of Joyce Dobrzanski.



**SUNCATCHER FUNDRAISER**—As part of our effort to raise \$150,000 in honor of our 150 years of ministry, anyone who donates a minimum of \$25 is welcome to choose a suncatcher made by Blenko Glass Company of Milton, West Virginia featuring a design by our own Bryan Zander. The color is called “tangerine” - a combination of reds, oranges, and yellows - with each being a unique combination of colors and highlights. Two examples

of this suncatcher can be seen in the hallway across from the office area. Fifty suncatchers were created, and some donors have selected their own already; but around 40 remain to be claimed. Since one donor paid for the order, your entire donation supports RPC's ministries.

**SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m.** We will meet via Zoom. Here is the link you can click in order to join our session, as well as the passcode you will be asked to type in when the box opens requesting it: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676>  
[j/85685182676](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676)  
[pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85685182676), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **4/10** —Michael Ferguson - This is your brain on God  
**4/17**—Susan Cottrell - Why I chose my LGBTQ daughter over the Evangelical Church



**FRESH PRODUCE** **LITTLE FOOD PANTRY NEWS**—Did you know Riverside Foods is now offering produce to RPC twice a week? If you are able to help with pick up any Tuesday or Thursday morning, contact Deb Jansky 708-822-9557 to sign up.



**ALHAFFAR FAMILY NEWS**—The AlHaffar family was excited to see snow as fat and flaky as it was last week. They were sending video of it to their family in Jordan. May we all have that much wonder and excitement about things that are new to us! Please continue to pray for their transitions to life in the US.

**PRESCHOOL NEWS—PRESCHOOL SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 10:00 AM WORSHIP WITH RECEPTION AND TOURS TO FOLLOW**

Students will be singing in worship. Alumni, former teachers and their families are invited to attend, too! Fellowship will be held in the social hall at 11:00 am and the school will be open for viewing. We hope you will join in the celebration of our 52<sup>nd</sup> year of catching ‘em being good! If you are a former student or parent, please plan to be there and help spread the word!



**BIBLE PRESENTATION SUNDAY** is May 15 during worship. All kids 2nd grade (or older) who have not received a Bible are invited to be part of this special day. Please email or call Lynda Nadkarni for more information.

**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. You can donate by credit card online at [rpcusa.org](http://rpcusa.org), or you may note One Great Hour of Sharing in the memo line of your check.

**PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING BLOOD**—Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. This could be a little girl in the ICU or a mother with Stage 3 leukemia. The entire process is very safe and very fast, and you will feel amazing knowing you potentially saved up to three people. All healthy donors are urged to donate now; if you’ve had COVID-19 and have been symptom-free for 14 days, you are eligible to donate. Whatever your COVID-19 vaccination status, you are **ABSOLUTELY** allowed to give blood or platelets. <https://www.vitalant.org/#>



**ELLEN AWAY** — Ellen will be out of the office April 21-May 9.



**THIS WEEK**

**Today**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
11:00 am Faith Formation All Ages  
6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

**Monday**

5:30 pm Volleyball  
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday**

6:30 am Men's Forum

**Wednesday**

6:30 pm AcaBELLa Ringers  
7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Thursday**

7:00 am Women's Forum  
6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Soup  
Supper and Tenebrae Service

**Sunday—Easter Sunday**

10:00 am Worship  
11:00 am Fellowship  
6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

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**Our 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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**2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP**

Elders	2022 Ben Dickerson Ellen Hamilton Serina Ranft	2023 Lisa Aulerich Marciniak Sandra Kappmeyer Jon Jansky	2024 Susan Lynch Carrie Staubus Mary Beth Wynn Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	Thom DeVries Steven Teune Susanne Vogel	Nancy Dvorak Marilyn Slanec	Jim Marciniak Steve Marcus Wendy Seifert
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