

Riverside Presbyterian Church

May 22, 2022 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Bridal Chorus

Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 109:21-26)

L: But you, O Lord my Lord, act on my behalf for your name's sake;
because your steadfast love is good, deliver me.

P: For I am poor and needy, and my heart is pierced within me.

L: I am gone like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust.

P: My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt.

L: I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they shake their heads.

P: Help me, O Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love.

*HYMN #370 *This Is My Father's World*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the future, you rise in power to bring the world under your rule. We admit that we truly have not expected much to change, and we live doing what is right in our own eyes. Forgive us for ignoring your priorities. Forgive us for our casual lives. All this we ask in Jesus, our Christ. Amen. (Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON & THE PEACE (Acts 2:17,21)

L: Hear the good news of God's presence and promise: "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Peace be with you.

P: Glory to God, the Highest! Thanks be to God, and God's peace be also with you!

*The GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen,
Amen.**

MINI MESSAGE

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

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

HYMN #701

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

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| FIRST LESSON | Acts 16:9-15 | NT p. 136 |
| ANTHEM | <i>Love One Another</i> | Bell |
| SECOND LESSON | John 5:1-9 | NT p. 96 |
| SERMON | "For Better or Worse" | |

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN # 27 *Sacred the Body*

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.

*PRAYERS OF DEDICATION

A MOMENT WITH OUR BRIDES AND GROOMS

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #300 *We Are One in the Spirit*

*BENEDICTION

*THE CONGREGATION'S RESPONSE HYMN #259, v. 3 *God of Heaven*
**The mighty God eternal is to the throne ascended,
and we who are God's people, within these walls cry,
"Glory, glory, glory"**

POSTLUDE

Wedding March

Mendelssohn

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Bridal Chorus*; Wagner

Anthem: *Love One Another*; Bell

Postlude: *Wedding March*; Mendelssohn

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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter:

Liturgist: Wendy Seifert

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Fellowship today is hosted by the Wynn-Jackson family.

Trustees of the Month: Will Vogel and Henry Vogel



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MAY 22, 2022

\$150,000 IN OUR 150TH YEAR —We're actively fundraising for the ministry and mission of RPC with a goal of \$150,000 in our 150th year. Some people are giving \$5 a week = \$260 for the year. Others are choosing a one time gift.



TODAY IS WEDDING SUNDAY AT RPC – Today we celebrate all couples married at RPC. Thank you for submitting your photos and names and dates of your weddings and for your contributions to support our ongoing ministry and mission.

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE – The Rummage Sale for Refugee Resettlement was a success! Approximately \$3,000 was collected.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT —Friday June 10th 6:00 PM to dark: "**Bring your beverage, your chair and something to share**"



For this first, of what we hope will be many Friday Family Fun Nights, we will gather on the RPC lawn for a **potluck picnic**. This is for all ages. We will be picnicking and playing games. Feel free to invite friends to join in the fun. If you have a yard game or two (Cornhole, Croquet, Horseshoes, Giant Jenga etc.) please bring

them. Sponsored by Session. Contact: Susan Lynch (skstrause.lynch@outlook.com)

FIFTH SUNDAY MAY 29—Compassion UMC is providing grilled main dish, RPC is bringing side dishes. RSVP to the office so we know an approximate count. Garden is at Washington and Grand - 8 corners - Brookfield. We will have communion with a brief worship. There will be tasks for people who prefer to be seated. One need not be a gardener to participate! See attached flyer for more information.





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 featuring a design by our own Bryan Zander. Each one is a unique combination of colors and highlights. A limited number of suncatchers were created, and fewer than 30 remain to be claimed. Take a look at those displayed on the harpsichord in the narthex, and after you've donated, choose yours to take home and catch some sun!

Will Vogel
Ruth and Frank Svestka
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Monica and James Wood
Jana Bennett Stewart, sister of Joyce Van Cura



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>

[pwd=MUUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09](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. **5/22**—Dr. Daniel Amen —The most important lesson from 83,000 brain scans
5/29—Ramona Hacker-6 steps to improve your emotional intelligence

SUMMER WORSHIP PLANNING -What are your four favorite hymns? What is your favorite bible story, psalm, or proverb? In the next week or two there will be an insert in the bulletin for you to fill out. This information will be used for summer worship planning.



PRESCHOOL NEWS—School's (almost) out for summer! May 26, we will have an end of the year extravaganza at 6pm which all church members are invited to attend! It's a brief "show" and reception. On May 27, we have the last day of school complete with a magician and ice cream social. The staff thanks the congregation for their support this year. We are looking forward to a full house in the fall!



COMPOST BIN UPDATE — The girls from the Daisy Troop that meets at RPC filled the box with soil and planted a pollinator garden with marigolds, dianthus, lavender and four kinds of herbs (chives, lemon basil, sage and rosemary). The compost expert says that once you start filling the pod with compostable materials and soil the worms are likely to find their way in. The girls really

enjoyed this project. We are so grateful to RPC for finding space for our troop this year - it has made all the difference to this little troop, formed in Covid, used to meeting on Zoom or outside even in poor weather.

The **WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY** will meet on Wednesday, May 25 at 10:30 am in the upstairs parlor for the last lesson of the book "What My Grandmothers Taught Me". If you cannot attend in person, here is the log in information: <https://zoom.us/j/98513169535pwd=SU9RZDJ2Vm42QkRzTmJHOtmMHcvQT09>
Meeting ID: 985 1316 9535, Passcode: 899045, Dial by your location 1(312) 626-6799

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE — On Thursday, June 9, from 10 am - 3 pm at the Riverside Village Hall, the Riverside Public Library and Riverside Township are teaming up to sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the auditorium on the 2nd floor of Village Hall. The Red Cross reported that we are currently in the worst national blood shortage in a decade. If you are able and willing to donate, we hope you will sign up as a donor at this event. You must create an account and register for an appointment through the American Red Cross.



<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>



PENTECOST OFFERING – On June 5 as part of our celebration of Pentecost we receive one of the special offerings of the church. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship—Wedding Vow
Sunday

1:30 pm The Boulevard

6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

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

7:00 pm Preschool Graduation

Sunday

10:00 am Fifth Sunday at
Compassion UMC Garden

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[Youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Riverside Presbyterian, IL

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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