

Riverside Presbyterian Church

July 3, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE *Fantasia on "America the Beautiful "* by Koury

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Laudate Dominum* Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 1)

L: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law, they meditate day and night.

P: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

L: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

P: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

*HYMN #327 *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

*OPENING PRAYER

God of Covenant, in our baptism you called us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the same courage, commitment, and persistence that you gave the apostles, so that we may faithfully witness to your love and justice in every circumstance of life. Make us more wise than clever, more strategic than manipulative, and more tender than tough. Help us to grow strong in the knowledge that love is more than vulnerability. Love, death reveals, is the only strength that is forever. Lord, help us to know that your grace is sufficient for us in every circumstance in life, whether the circumstances are to our liking or not. Finally, help us to trust in the witness of the saints, so that we may pass on what we have been given. All this we ask in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Amen. (Silence is kept.)

*THE PEACE of CHRIST

L: May the Lord be with you.

P: And also with you. (Let us greet one another.)

*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 #288 *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

FIRST LESSON	Judges 1:1-15	OT p. 217
SOLO	<i>A Simple Song (from "Mass")</i>	Bernstein
SECOND LESSON	Galatians 5:16- 6:10	NT p. 190-1
SERMON	"Mocking Birds"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

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 HYMN #647 *Give Thanks*

*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

THE LORD'S SUPPER Hymnal p. 8-12

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

*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 *America the Beautiful* arr. Raney

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Fantasia on "America the Beautiful"* by Koury
Introit: *Laudate Dominum*; Mozart
Solo: *A Simple Song (from "Mass")*; Bernstein
Postlude: *America the Beautiful*; arr. Raney
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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter: Lynda Nadkarni
Liturgist: Elizabeth Musick
Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni
Thank you to Mary Ann Sadilek and Elizabeth Perryman for joining today's Ministry of Music.
Flowers today are given in memory of her beloved cousin, Jill Radke-Malik, from Joyce Dobrzanski.
Fellowship today is hosted by Sandra Kappmeyer
Trustees of the Month: Lynda Nadkarni and John McGlennon



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\$150,000 in our 150th — Even our littlest members are supporting the 150th fundraising campaign by contributing their allowance! You can join in with them by donating online at www.rpcusa.org or in person.

SUMMER WORSHIP PLANNING — What are your favorite hymns? What is your favorite bible story, psalm, or proverb? Please fill out the included survey, include your name, and return it to Mary Jo or the church office. This information will be used for summer worship planning.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL — The Ice Cream Social returns Wednesday, July 20 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm! This community-wide event is open to all! Please invite neighbors and friends to drop by. No tickets required. There will be a free-will offering.

MISSION MOMENTS — THURSDAY, JULY 7, 9 AM– NOON (and lunch?!)

RPC has a long history of working with Erie Neighborhood House to support refugees and immigrants. For 20 years, members of our church tutored on Saturdays. We will be at their West Town location and help staff with beautification projects that will include playground clean-up, office clean-up and organizing indoor spaces to create more welcoming spaces for participants. Please bring a friend! To sign up or ask questions, email Lynda Nadkarni at missionandoutreach@rpcusa.org



Joyce Dobrzanski, who recently fell
Sylvia Harvin
Laura Vanags
Will Vogel
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood
Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick
Jana Bennett Stewart, sister of Joyce Van Cura
Michael DeVries, nephew of Thom and Nancy DeVries



MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS—Yes! We are planning on doing our annual Messiah performance this year. The date will be Sunday, December 11th at 4 pm. Mailings will go out in August.

We are inviting YOU to offer special music on any Sunday of the summer. Sally is available to coach or accompany. Please contact: sallysloane@me.com or 708/822-0655.

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 23 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!



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=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.

7/3 — Scilla Elworthy – How do I deal with a bully, without becoming a thug?
7/10 — Julia Galef—Why you think you're right—even when you're wrong



ALHAFFAR FAMILY NEWS—The AlHaffar family continues to adjust well to life in the U.S. They thought they would like summer coming from a warm climate, but have found out that humid hot isn't what they are used to!

COMPOST BIN UPDATE — Worms seeking composter who will tend to the bin a few times a week. Water plantings and check bin contents. Email or call the office if you can make the worms happy!

There is a bin by the recycling containers for food waste.

CHANCEL FLOWERS — If you have garden flowers, please consider choosing a Sunday to provide flowers for our sanctuary. Contact the church office to make arrangements.



per capita **PER CAPITA ANYONE?** — The year is almost ½ gone and it's time to check if you've made your Per Capita donation for 2022. It is \$36 per member. Remember, we are required to pay per capita for each member to the Presbytery whether members donate or not, so every unpaid per capita hits our bottom line. If you have already given, thank you and if you haven't yet made your donation, please do! And if you have an extra \$36, perhaps make a donation on behalf of members who find it finally hard to do so.

UPPER ROOM DAILY DEVOTIONALS — Copies of the July-August Upper Room are available in the sanctuary and in the rack outside the office.

LOOSE COIN OFFERING—Today we dedicate all loose coins in the offering plates to the Presbytery of Chicago Hunger Fund. In lieu of loose coins, indicate Presbytery Hunger Fund in the memo line of a check or online.



THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship with Communion

11:00 am Fellowship

6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

Monday

Office Closed—Independence Day

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men’s Forum

Thursday

7:00 am Women’s Forum

9:00 am Mission Moments at
Erie House

Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

6:00 pm Sundays with Ted

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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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2022 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

	2022	2023	2024
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