

Riverside Presbyterian Church

August 28, 2022 ~ 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome! We are glad you are here!

* Indicates please stand in body or Spirit.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Sonata in F, Allegro

CPE Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 124)

L: Let Israel now say "If it had not been the LORD who was on our side, if it had not been the LORD who was on our side when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive".

P: When their anger was kindled against us then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

L: Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

P: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers. The snare is broken, & we have escaped.

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD.

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD who made heaven & earth.

*HYMN #705

You Are Holy

*CALL TO CONFESSION

L: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet, we are justified by the gift of God's generous mercy, through the work of redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy & merciful God, it is so hard to admit when we are wrong, jealous, hurt, scared, or mad. Especially when the very people involved are around us. Only you know how often we have pretended when we should have responded. Only you know who is blustering and who is listening, and only you see all the chances around us to love one another. We see our failures only briefly, and then we deny them or blame them on others. Forgive all our wrongs, strengthen us in love, and guide us in mercy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen. (Silence is kept.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: Peace be 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 11:1-28	OT p. 229-230
ANTHEM	<i>Evening Prayer</i>	Humperdinck
SECOND LESSON	Judges 11:29-40	OT p. 230-231
SERMON	"Rocks & Hard Places"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Hymnal p. 35

*HYMN #315 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

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

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #542 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #544 *Bless the Lord (x2)*
Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

POSTLUDE *Prelude & Fugue in em* BWV 555 JS Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

Prelude: *Sonata in F, Allegro*; CPE Bach
Anthem: *Evening Prayer*; Humperdinck
Postlude: *Prelude & Fugue in em* BWV 555; JS Bach
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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter: Dennis Zander
Liturgist: Marilyn Slanec
Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni
Thank you to Sandra Kappmeyer and Ellen Hamilton for joining today's Ministry of Music.
Fellowship is hosted by the Wynn-Jackson family.
Trustees of the Month: Henry Vogel and Lynda Nadkarni



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REFUGEE UPDATE —

We've been matched with a family from Sudan! They arrived Wednesday, August 24. The family, mom, dad, and four

daughters ages 14-21 left Sudan in 2004 and applied for refugee status. They have been living in a camp in Egypt since then.

acaBELLa RINGERS — The acaBELLa Ringers have been a part of RPC since 2004. We are looking for a few individuals as substitutes. All adults or children as young as 4th grade would be welcome to join us. We rehearse Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm beginning September 14th. You do not need to be a member of RPC to join us. We have always had some ringers from the larger Riverside community as a part of our group. While we greatly appreciate any musical skills our members have, this is not a requirement. We will teach you as we go. Please contact Sally Sloane for more information. musikhse@comcast.net or 708/822-0655



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

Susanne and Will Vogel
Ginny Yang
Joyce Van Cura
Jack Smith
Monica and James Wood
James Still, friend of Sandra Kappmeyer
Stephen Musick, son of Elizabeth Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick



Michael DeVries, nephew of Thom and Nancy DeVries



RINGERS AND SINGERS - FIRST REHEARSAL

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21st. Since 2006 RPC has been home to two children's choirs: The Riverside

Ringers and the Riverside Singers. We meet Wednesdays during the school year from 4:15 - 5:15. Children from ages 5 - 12 are welcome to join our group. We work on vocal techniques, following musical scores, learning to read rhythms, working together in a musical ensemble, hand chime ringing techniques, ensemble discipline, percussion instruments including xylophones, and following a conductor. Please contact Sally Sloane if you have a child interested in joining us musikhse@comcast.net or 708-822-0655. There is no tuition for joining the group—no fees whatsoever.



PRESCHOOL NEWS—We're gearing up for the new school year!

Part of that is scheduling special guests. Do you have a skill or hobby to share? You can participate in circle time and help the students learn something new. Do you like to read? Every day they have a book read to them while they snack and would enjoy a new face and voice. See Lynda if you'd like to be on the calendar.

SUNDAYS WITH TED—6:00 p.m. We will meet via Zoom.

Here is the link you can click on 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?pwd=MUU4b0J2Y3FiV3luQm1jTnBqODBrZz09), Passcode: 448942. You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury. **8/28** — Monica Guzman—How Curiosity Will Save Us
9/4 — Paloma Medina—Let's Stop Talking About Diversity and Start Working Toward Equity





MISSION MOMENTS —The weather didn't stop us from gathering three LARGE bags of trash from the 63rd Street/Jackson Park Beach! The majority of what we picked up was cigarette butts, glass, cans, mylar balloons and shoes. The most unusual find though was a spot where someone left behind three full place settings of real dishes and silverware!

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY —Every morning the food pantry is stocked, by noon it is mostly empty and stocked again, and by the evening fairly depleted. Can you help our food insecure neighbors by picking up some extra canned goods when you go shopping this week? Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES —Community Support Services sends a thank you for the trunk full of school supplies and backpacks we provided. CSS initiates, provides and promotes services for people with intellectual/developmental disabilities and their families in order to strengthen their independence, self-esteem and participation and contribution to the community.



AGING WELL NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY RESOURCE & HEALTH FAIR — Thursday, September 22, 10 am—1 pm at the North Riverside Village Commons, 2401 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside.

Buddy's Place

A Program for Bereaved Children and Their Families

BUDDIES PLACE — Buddies Place, a bereavement support group for children and youth and their families, meets at RPC during the school year. Sunday, August 21, Linda Moran, the founder of Buddies Place spoke about the program and its impact in the community. You can hear her on our YouTube channel (link on website and Facebook). She mentions supporting Buddies Place. To share time, contact director Michelle Halm at

mhalm@pchcares.org. To share treasures, you may donate on line at pillarscommunithealth.org or mail to Pillars at 23 Calendar Ave., LaGrange IL 60525.

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Congregational Life
 Committee Meeting
1:30 pm The Boulevard
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum

Thursday

7:00 am Women's Forum

Sunday

10:00 am Worship with Communion
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

	2022	2023	2024
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