

Welcome to
Riverside
Presbyterian Church

May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Please silence your cell phones.

Childcare is available for children
through 1st grade after the Mini
Message.

*Indicates please stand in body or
Spirit.



*Peace I leave you;
my peace I give you.*

All are invited to share gifts in the offering plates located at the end of the aisles before worship. The plates will be brought forward prior to the Doxology.

WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

arr. Bish

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

And also with you.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Matthew 23:37)

Leader: As a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
God desires to gather us together.

People: Gather us, O God. We are here to worship and sing your praise!

*HYMN 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Holy God, we are quick to criticize, quick to judge, quick to blame. We fail to offer others the same grace we receive from you. We hold ourselves up as superior and fail to address the patterns of dominance we perpetuate. Forgive us. Help us seek understanding and compassion. Help us accept the love you offer us and share your love with others. Amen. (Silence is kept.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*THE GLORIA PATRI (# 581)

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

MINI MESSAGE

BAPTISM of Jude Premkumar and Ava Premkumar

Afterwards, children first grade and younger may go to childcare. Please see the Greeter for more information or directions.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Walk with us. Guide us with your wisdom and grace. Open us to discerning your will and your way. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-31

NT p. 137

SECOND READING

John 14:15-21

NT p. 109

SERMON

“Keep Calm and Follow Jesus”

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #315

In the Midst of New Dimensions

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called *Abba*, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

**Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.**

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

**the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.**

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

**Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,**

God is faithful still.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY

ANTHEM

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Thomson

*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 FOR OFFERINGS (unison)

Holy God, these offerings are only a portion of all that you have given us. We gratefully present these gifts and entrust them to your work in this world. May our gifts share the Good News of the gospel to those who are in need. May these gifts help unburden those with the heaviest of loads. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SILENT PRAYER

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.

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #542

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Bish

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeters: Connie Kelly and Marilyn Slanec

Liturgist: John Haugland

Mini Message: Lynda Nadkarni

Flowers: In honor of all mothers, flowers will be distributed at the end of the service. Happy Mother's Day from Marilyn Slanec!

Fellowship is hosted by Susan Lynch.

Trustees of the Month: Lynda Nadkarni and Tom Radigan

Worship Notes: Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott for The Presbyterian Outlook.



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MAY 14, 2023

TODAY WE WELCOME REV. GRAYSON VAN CAMP —Rev. Van Camp, H.R., continues to serve the Presbytery of Chicago as its ecumenical representative on a number of ecumenical councils. An alumna of McCormick Theological Seminary, she served there for a decade as the director of continuing education and served Chicago Presbytery for three years as an interim associate executive presbyter. She holds the distinction of being the first Anglo woman ordained to serve a Korean American congregation, Hanmee Presbyterian Church, Itasca, IL. Grayson currently provides pulpit supply in the Presbytery and assists at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn. She and her husband live in Glen Ellyn and they are the proud parents of two grown children.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —The Session has called a Congregational Meeting following Worship on June 4 for the purpose of receiving the report of the Pastoral Nominating Committee and voting on accepting their candidate for Designated Pastor, Rev. Mark Zimmerly.

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS! — RPC always enjoys hearing our local talent over the summer when the choir is off. We would love to have lots of musical participants this summer as we have in the past. All ages and styles of music are welcome as are non-members. Please contact Sally if you are interested in signing up for a Sunday in June, July or August. 708/822-0655 (text) or sallysloane@me.com

POTLUCK LUNCHEON – MAY 21 - Please make a note on your calendars that on May 21st there will be a potluck luncheon after worship, at which time the Session will provide information on the results of our recent Holy Cow survey. Spaghetti with meat or veggie sauce will be served. Please bring a salad/side or dessert to share. Nothin' beats an RPC Potluck!



OFFICE SCHEDULE FOR MAY — Ellen will be away May 5-15.
Linda Hutcheson will be away May 18 and May 22-23.

Donna Ulrich
Martha Heine
Alyssa Schwarz
David Schade
John Lynch
Sara Wert
Lloyd Bradbury
Jack Smith
Monica Wood



Brad Betson, brother-in-law of Lynda Nadkarni
Alice Ann Hand and Edward Hand, sister and brother-in-law of Liz Musick
Duci Musick, daughter-in-law of Elizabeth Musick

SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS – 6:00 p.m. We will meet in person in the church library and via Zoom. Use the following link for Zoom video: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89159855297> To join by phone, dial and follow the prompts to enter the meeting number: +13126266799,,89159855297# You can access a clickable link on the RPC website, or request one via email from Doug Asbury at dougasbury@gmail.com. **5/14**-Robert Jones-The End of White Christian America **5/21**-Richard Reeves-Why the Modern Male Is Struggling

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — RPC has spent \$1,000 per month in 2023 to supplement the donations received from the community, Riverside Foods and Aldi. Thankfully we received a large, canned goods donation from Hauser and have a Boy Scout who will be doing a food drive for his Eagle Scout project. You can also help by picking up a few cans when you shop or donating funds, and Sara and Marta Vacek will shop for you. Most needed always are meats and meal in a can (chunky soup, chili, beef stew, etc.). Thank you for helping our neighbors in need of additional sustenance.

PENTECOST OFFERING – On May 28 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. <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/pentecost/#resources> The envelopes are at the back of the sanctuary and in the rack outside the office. Last year RPC contributed our portion to the LeaderShop. To learn more about their work with youth in the community, check out their website: www.theleadershop.org

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL RETURNS! –

Registration is now open for the wonder of God's work through science. Space is limited so sign up soon! Forms are available outside the office and on the website. VBS will be June 26-29 from 9:00 – 11:45 am.



DONATIONS DESIRED FOR VBS — Please save clear, plastic egg cartons and 2 L plastic bottles for VBS. There is a collection box near the office. See Sandra Kappmeyer if you have questions.



PRE-SCHOOL NEWS — Last week we studied butterflies and bees. The highlight of the week was a visit from Beekeeper Monika, a friend of the Vacek family. She taught all about the importance of bees in the ecosystem and shared her organic honey with families at mom's night. (Because moms are un-bee-lievable!) For more information about her bees, honey, and its health benefits, visit www.organicgoldenhoney.com.

WELCOME TO THE ABDU JABAR FAMILY

— We've learned that Jumaah is one of eight children. Her parents, she, and all of her siblings fled Burma in 2012 and have lived in Malaysia since then. Through the mystery that is refugee resettlement, little by little members have been approved to come to the US. With the arrival of Jumaah and her family, only two brothers



and their families remain in Malaysia. The Rohingya people are not provided education or refugee status in Malaysia. They are considered illegal immigrants and have no rights, though in contrast to Burma, do not fear genocide. You can support their transition through prayers and responding to calls for items they may need as they settle into life in Chicago.

Left to right back row – Razak (father) holding Wali (son, 23 months), Jumaah's mother, Jumaah (mother), her brother
Front row – sons Wahid (5) and Latif (8), daughter Nisa (10)

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship-Baptism
11:00 am Fellowship
11:00 am Confirmation Class
6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday

5:30 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

6:30 am Men's Forum
7:30 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sunday

10:00 am Worship—
Rev. Craig Howard
11:00 am Fellowship Potluck
11:00 am Confirmation Class
11:00 am Faith Formation All Ages
2:30 pm Worship at Caledonia
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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2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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