

Welcome to
Riverside Presbyterian Church

October 8, 2023

Please silence your cell phones.

* Please stand in body or Spirit. **Bold** indicates congregational response.



WE GATHER TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude—Pastorale in F BWV 590

J.S. Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 19)

The heavens are telling the glory of God
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

There is no speech, nor are there words,
but their voice is not heard.

It goes out through all the earth
and to the end of the world.

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION

(based on Psalm 99, Exodus 14:19-31, 33:12-23)

Awesome and majestic God,
your creative power, your glory and holiness
were experienced by your people of old
as clouds and fire guiding them to freedom.

They believed that no one could see your face and live.

How blessed therefore are we,
for you have revealed your face to us in Jesus—
the human face of your love.

You also equip us for our journey through life and beyond,
by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings,
through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

These people of old believed that it was your presence with them
which made them a chosen and special people.

We praise and adore you, O God, for making our lives so special,
by choosing to share your life with us in and through Jesus.

May this time of worship and the service of our lives
reveal our thanksgiving and our wonder that you should so care for us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*HYMN #543 *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We
put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our
confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our
confidence in ourselves rather than in you.

Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and
your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your
heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on
towards your goal. (Silence is kept.)

*SUNG RESPONSE *Create in Me A Clean Heart O God x 2*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.**

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, we have not already obtained the prize or reached the goal
— but Christ has! And in Christ you are a new creation, you are made
whole and you are called beloved. Thanks be to God!

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

(Please greet those around you with a sign of Christ's peace.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Children 1st grade and under may attend childcare. Faith Formation will resume next week for ages K-5.

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29	OT p. 60-61
SECOND READING	Exodus 15:20-21	OT p. 62
SERMON	"Out of Egypt"	

OUR FAITHFUL RESPONSE

*HYMN #43 *You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord*

THE OFFERING & OFFERTORY *Hear My Prayer, O Lord* Lantz

*SUNG RESPONSE *We are Marching in the Light of God* x 4

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR OFFERING (based on Psalm 19)

Sweet Savior, your Word is greater to us than gold, even great gold. May these gifts brought today be a gesture of our gratitude for the riches of your Word given to us. Multiply these gifts and make them like the drippings of the honeycomb to those in need.

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 #373

O Day of Peace

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude & Fugue in F BWV 556

JS Bach

WORSHIP NOTES

Prayer of Praise and Adoration written by Moira Laidlaw. Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Forgiveness, and Prayer of Dedication written by Brian Christopher Coulter for The Presbyterian Outlook.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Greeter: Wendy Seifert

Liturgist: Debra Myers

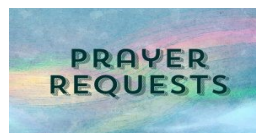
Children's Moment: Rev. Mark Zimmerly

Flowers today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of my daughter, Alice, celebrating her birthday, with love from Elizabeth Musick.

Fellowship today is hosted by Debra Myers.

Trustee of the Month: Henry Vogel

Devin Zander, Donna Ulrich, John Lynch, Lloyd Bradbury, Jack Smith, Greg Reichle Bill Scanlon, a member of Men's Forum, as he recovers from an injury.





To sign up for the weekly emailed announcements, contact the church office, rpcoffice@rpcusa.org or 708-447-1520

Dear RPC,

The launch of the Green Team this week and the online **Green Team Summit** that starts Sunday have had me thinking again about themes of creation and re-creation. As Leah Thomas explains in her book, **The Intersectional Environmentalist**, we must find ways to hold together the well-being of the natural world and the flourishing of ALL people. It is a both-and, not an either/or. And one way to feed two birds with one scone is to encourage outdoor recreation. So how about a church bike ride? Or a group walking meditation? I would love to start a Riverside **Sweaty Sheep** group this season. . . please let me know if you are interested!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Mark



GREEN TEAM MEETING TODAY, 11:30am in the social hall: All are welcome and encouraged to join in this brand new group/committee that will be working on environmental stewardship and ecological justice. At this meeting we will consider alternative monikers and begin organizing activities such as solar installation, composting, river cleanup, outdoor education, pollinator protection, etc.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY — The church office will be closed Monday, October 9 for Indigenous Peoples' Day.

TRUSTEES MEETING — The Trustees will meet Monday, October 9 at 6:00 pm in the Parlor.

THEOLOGY ON TAP — This month we will meet again on the 3rd Thursday – October 19th, 6pm, at PJ Klem's to discuss a theology of decolonization, with resources from the book **Healing Haunted Histories** by Elaine Enns and Ched Myers. All are encouraged to join in, no preparation required. Here is a 4-page study guide for those who would like to explore the topic in advance: Scan the QR code. If you prefer a paper copy, contact Linda in the office.



CHATS WITH CHILDREN — Faith Formation is on fall break this week and will resume October 15 led by Susan Lynch and Brad McClain with an edible telling of the Exodus story that kids K – 5th grade won't want to miss! Adults can engage our kids in the story by asking what freedom looks like for all of God's children.

HELP FORM THE FAITH OF OUR CHILDREN! — Volunteering for Faith Formation is as easy as 1, 2, 3. 1) Read the weekly story from the Bible. 2) Ask open-ended questions and marvel in their thoughtful answers. 3) Lead an activity. See Lynda if you can follow three easy directions – she'll provide all the materials for you – and know you're helping our children to grow!

SHOE DRIVE — We are collecting gently used and new shoes for children and adults through the end of October. Please put them in the barrel outside the office. Share with your friends and neighbors!

SUNDAYS WITH TED & FRIENDS — 6:00 p.m. In person and via Zoom. Contact Doug Asbury for more information at dougasbury@gmail.com.

10/8 — Warren Valdmanis - What Makes a Job “good” and a Case for Investing in People **10/15**— James Rhee—The Value of Kindness at Work

LITTLE FOOD PANTRY — Item of the month is **canned vegetables**. Any variety. Consider buying a case of 12!

We are looking for help to fill the LFP on Mondays and Fridays. Contact Doug Asbury for more information, dougasbury@gmail.com or 847-436-8286.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT—We are working to raise \$6,000 to fully sponsor the next family and have an exciting update! A challenge grant has been made, which means every \$1 contributed up to \$2,500 will be matched. \$5,000 gets us to within 20% of our goal, so let's see what each of us can contribute. Make a note in the memo line of a check or select refugee resettlement when giving online. Literally every dollar matters!

PRESCHOOL — Excited that 29 of our 30 spaces are full with energetic and inquisitive littles. We'd love to add one more to be at capacity. If you have new neighbors with children under 5, talk to them about the preschool. Word of mouth is the number one way that people make a decision about their children's early education.

WORSHIP AT CALEDONIA—Sunday, October 15, 2:30 pm—Wanted: volunteers who enjoy brightening someone's day. Contact Steve Marcus for more information (847-224-5590).

EAGLE SCOUT FOOD DRIVE —October 14, 9-11 am, Scottswood Road Church Parking Lot. Collecting non-perishable food (canned meals, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meats, soup) for RPC's LFP. Thank you, Kyle Enochs!

Pharoah Pharoah

[Chorus]

I say Pharaoh, Pharaoh (clap clap)

Oh baby let my people go!

Huh! Yeah, yeah, yeah

I say Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Oh baby let my people go!

Huh! Yeah, yeah, yeah



[Verse 1]

Well, the burning bush told me just the other day

That I should come over here and say

Got to get my people out of Pharaoh's hand

And lead them on over to the Promised Land

[Chorus]

[Verse 2]

Well, all of God's people came to the Red Sea

With Pharaoh's army coming after me

I raised my rod, stuck it in the sand

And all of God's people walked across dry land

You might also like

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Well, all of Pharaoh's army was coming too

So what do you think that I did do?

I raised my rod and cleared my throat

And all of Pharaoh's army did the dead man's float

[Chorus]

THIS WEEK

Today

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

6:00 pm Sundays with TED

Monday—Indigenous Peoples Day

Office Closed for Holiday

No Preschool

5:15 pm Volleyball

Tuesday

No Preschool

6:30 am Men's Forum

Wednesday

4:15 pm Ringers & Singers

6:30 pm acaBELLa Ringers

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Sunday

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship

2:30 pm Worship at Caledonia

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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2023 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Elders	2023	2024	2025
	Lisa Aulerich Marciniak	Susan Lynch	Betsy Gardner
	Jon Jansky	Carrie Staubus	Ellen Hamilton
	Sandra Kappmeyer	Mary Beth Wynn	Serina Ranft
			Mary Ann Sadilek, Clerk
Deacons	2023	2024	2025
	Nancy Dvorak	Jim Marciniak	Thom DeVries
	Elizabeth Musick	Steve Marcus	Paula McCracken
	Marilyn Slanec	Wendy Seifert	Open
Trustees	2023	2024	2025
	Doug Harvin	John McGlennon	Deb Jansky
	Henry Vogel	Lynda Nadkarni	Tom Radigan
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