



**May 11, 2025**  
*Fourth Sunday of Easter*



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On behalf of Riverside Presbyterian, it is our pleasure to welcome you to worship this morning. The opportunity to worship together as the Family is one of God's greatest gifts. It is our hope that this time and place will be a grounding place for us all, one that enables us to live as freely and fully as God intends.



## STEWARDSHIP

To support the ministry of Riverside Presbyterian Church, contributions may be sent to the church office or you may pledge electronically at [www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org](http://www.riversidepresbyterianchurch.org) or scan the QR code on the left to give through [tithe.ly.com](http://tithe.ly.com).

Do you want to get a head start in preparing for Sunday worship? The Sunday worship bulletin is now being linked in the Friday e-mail, together with the livestreaming web link, which are also posted on the church's website: [riversidepresbyterianchurch.org](http://riversidepresbyterianchurch.org). The worship service is livestreamed and is available on the church's website: <https://www.youtube.com/@riversidepresbyterianchurch8946>. Please spread the word to those who are interested in worshipping with us online.

The term "voluntary" is used to denote a piece of music or improvisation for instrument, played before, during, or at the end of a church service.

**Eastertide**, or the **Easter Season**, begins on Easter Sunday and continues until **Pentecost** in the Christian liturgical calendar for a total span of seven weeks. We celebrate Easter more than just Easter Sunday because it is the defining event of Christianity, and so the Church has always observed it for longer than the Day itself. The liturgical color is white or gold, the Pascal candle is kept lit and the worship services end with a special "Alleluia." Scripture lessons during this season are from the New Testament only (except for Easter Sunday), saying what happened after the Resurrection. The Thursday in the sixth week of Easter marks **Ascension Day**, as Jesus was taken up into heaven.

## SESSION

### Class of 2025

Mark Gordon  
Carl Plaughter  
Tom White

### Class of 2026

Terri Beeler  
Anda Ray  
Ann Stone  
Debbie Burleigh, *Clerk*

### Class of 2027

Bob Howard  
Meghan Johnson  
Paula Yost

## DIACONATE

### Class of 2025

Susan White  
Fern Wolle

### Class of 2026

Janice Eastes  
Carolyn Hattaway  
Tammy Ivan

### Class of 2027

Jorge Castillo

The May issue of our newsletter *Down by the Riverside* has been sent out by email. If you wish to have a hard copy, it is available in the church office and the narthex. If you're interested in receiving our electronic monthly newsletter (except for January and July), please leave your e-mail address. If you wish to receive a hard copy by mail, please call the church office at 321-783-6085.

## Lectionary Readings for Today (Year C):

Acts 5:36-43; *Psalm* 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *“They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life”* (Revelation 7:16-17).

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

GREETINGS & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE SHARED

Pastor Bill Teng

Christ is risen! ***The Lord is risen indeed . . . .***

. . . The grace and peace of our risen Lord be with you. ***And also with you.***

VOLUNTARY

*“Amazing Grace”*  
Diana Amtower, *Piano*

arr. Marianne Kim (2006)

✠ CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is our shepherd, our guide, and protector.

***The Lord is our parent, our companion, and friend.***

The Lord is almighty, with wisdom and power.

***The Lord is present, with comfort and care.***

Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,  
***honor and might be to our God! Amen.***

✠ HYMN #268

***“Crown Him with Many Crowns”***

DIADEMATA

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

***“Unstoppable God”***  
***“Resurrecting”***

Elevation Worship (2014)

Elevation Worship (2016)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

***God of hope and safety: Like sheep who go astray, we have often wandered from your path of life and light — We have heard the Shepherd’s voice calling us by name, but we have turned to our own way instead.***

***Show us your tender mercy, O God; restore us in the security of your fold. Lead us back to still waters, seat us again at your bounteous table. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might bear glad witness to your saving mercy, revealed to us in the Great Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for we ask in his precious name.***

SILENT REFLECTION (*Reflecting on the Prayer of Confession*)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

. . . Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.***

✠ Passing of the Peace of Christ

. . . The Peace of Christ be with you. ***And also with you.***

GIVING TO GOD

TIME FOR CHILDREN & FUSION YOUTH

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*"How Can You Not?"* Leanna Crawford (2023)  
Madalynn Pearson, Jordan Boggs, Trinity Plata, Vocal / Diana Amtower, Piano

✠ DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDRETH

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Revelation 7:9-17 (N.T., p. 249)  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Elder Meghan Johnson

✠ HYMN #187

*"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"*

BRADBURY

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Acts 9:36-43 (N.T., p. 128)  
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor Teng

SERMON

*"What's Your Legacy?"*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

. . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our 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.**

✠ HYMN #826

*"Lift High the Cross"*

CRUCIFER

✠ CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠ SENDING SONG

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*

Matt Redman (2005)

SUNDAY FLOWERS

This Sunday's flowers are given to the glory of God by **Bob and Judy Howard** with gratitude for God's love, mercy, and grace; and in honor of their new great granddaughter, Sophia.

SERMON NOTES

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PSALM 66 PRAISE BAND

Guitar / Vocals — Keaton Belliveau, *Leader*  
Bass guitar — Rafael Perez  
Drums — Ryan Perez  
Keyboard — Andrey Plata  
Backup Vocals — Madalynn Pearson  
Backup Vocals — Jordan Boggs  
Backup Vocals — Trinity Plata

# Happy Mother's Day !



## DISCIPLE



UNDER THE TREE OF LIFE

*DISCIPLE: Under the Tree of Life* is the final study in the four-phase *Disciple* program. The study concentrates on the Writings (Old Testament books not in the Torah or the Prophets), the Gospel of John, and Revelation. Join us each **Monday at 1:00 p.m.** in Knox Hall led by Pastor Bill. *All are welcome!*

### Sundae Sunday

Join us during Fellowship Time, which is after Worship, in the Fellowship Hall on **May 22** while we enjoy Ice Cream Sundaes to celebrate Memorial Day and to kick off summer. *We look forward to seeing you there!*



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Rockledge Presbyterian Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School for children ages 4-12 on June 23 - 27, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. If you know a child that would like to attend, sign up by scanning the barcode provided or go to their website at [www.myvbs.org/RPC2025](http://www.myvbs.org/RPC2025).

## Leadership TRAINING

Pastor Teng is offering a training class for all ordained deacons and elders on **Saturday, May 17, from 9:00-11:30 a.m.**

If you've been ordained a deacon or elder in the last five years and have not gone through any Officer Training (which is required by the *Book of Order*), please make plan to attend this class. Please let the office know as soon as possible that you are attending.



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Rob Lancaster**, **Sandra Swann** (Jerry's sister), **Glenn Stout**, **Meghan Johnson**, Vickie Olcott's friend **Margot**, **John House**, **Rebecca Burns**, Jorge Castillo's friend **Victor**, **Allyson McElheny** (Priscilla's friend), Vicki Olcott's cousin **Debbie**, **Jane Lovett**, **Diane Whitehurst**, **Joan** (mother of Nancy Ragland), **Tim Bright**, **Patricia Fulford**, **John House**, **Liz** (Meagan's daughter), **Mike** (Meagan's father), **Sue Colley**, **Malcom**, **David Steinburg** (friend of Lindalee); housing situation for **Pastor Bill & Karen Teng**; peace for Ukraine and the Middle East.

### DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

<b>Monday</b>	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 / Evening: Psalms 124: 115 Jeremiah 30:1-9; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 6:1-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 / Evening: Psalms 66; 116 Jeremiah 30:10-17; Colossians 1:15-23; Luke 6:12-26
<b>Wednesday</b>	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 9; 118 Jeremiah 30:18-22; Colossians 1:24-2:7; Luke 6:27-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 68; 113 Jeremiah 31:1-14; Colossians 2:8-23; Luke 6:39-49
<b>Friday</b>	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 / Evening: Psalms 49; 138 Jeremiah 31:15-22; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 7:1-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 / Evening: Psalms 23; 114 Jeremiah 31:23-25; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 7:18-35
<b>Sunday</b>	Morning: Psalms 93; 150 / Evening: Psalms 136; 117 Isaiah 32:1-8; 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17; Matthew 7:7-12

### WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ In A.D. 324, **Emperor Constantine**, believing the future lay in the East rather than the West, decided to move his capital from Rome to Byzantium. Before long, there was a fabulous hippodrome, a prized university, five imperial palaces, nine palaces for dignitaries, 4,388 mansions, 322 streets, 1,000 shops, 100 places of amusement, splendid baths, magnificent churches, and a swelling population. It was a city that shimmered in the sunshine. The New Rome — Constantinople — was dedicated as capital of the Eastern Empire on May 11, 330. It became the center for Eastern Christianity. ✦ On May 11, 1682, the **General Court of Massachusetts** repealed two Puritanical laws, one forbade the observance of Christmas, and the second demanded capital punishment for Quakers. ✦ On May 11, 1816, delegates from a number of Christian organizations met in New York City to form the **American Bible Society**. Today the ABS has Scriptures available in over a thousand languages and annually distributes hundreds of millions of low-cost Bibles. ✦ **The American Tract Society**, the first national tract league in America, was formed in New York City on May 11, 1825. ✦ On May 11, 1949, **Israel** was admitted into the United Nations as the world body's 59th member.

## THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 11 - 18, 2025

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Monday - Thursday

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<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Monday</b>	1:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Knox Hall)
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Session (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	2:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Leadership Training (Knox Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)



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