



April 20, 2025

Resurrection of the Lord



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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 or scan the QR code on the left to give through 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 Thursday e-mail, together with the livestreaming web link, which are also posted on the church's website: 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 Plaugher
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 April 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):

Isaiah 65:17-25; *Psalm* 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; Luke 24:1-12

✦ **Standing for those who are able**

People's response in ***bold & italic*** type

APPROACHING THE THRONE OF GRACE

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP: *"The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"* (Psalm 118:22-24).

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

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"
Diana Amtower, Organ

arr. Jason D. Payne (2018)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Shouts of joy and victory abound!

The Lord has done mighty and wondrous things!

God has conquered sin and death once and for all time.

Let us proclaim the good news with joyous hearts.

Jesus Christ is risen today!

Alleluia! He is risen indeed !

Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN #232

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

EASTER HYMN

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ STIRRING OF THE SPIRIT

"Alleluia No. 1"

Donald Fishel (1973)

"Glorious Day"

Passion (2017)

Psalm 66 Praise Band / Keaton Belliveau, Leader

MAKING OUR CONFESSION

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting life: We confess we continue in the ways of death — You have announced your new creation, but we often put our hope in former things; you have opened the door of the tomb, but we close our hearts to our neighbors.

Forgive us, God of grace. Make us people of the resurrection, proclaiming the destruction of death and the gift of glorious new life in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, as we pray in his holy 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. Amen.

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Question 45 from *"The Heidelberg Catechism"* (1563)
How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?
First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

✠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 *"Ring the Easter Bells"* arr. Joseph M. Martin (2016)
Chancel Choir / Diana Amtower, *Director*

✠DOXOLOGY #592 OLD HUNDREDTH

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING AND HEARING GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Isaiah 65:17-25 (O.T., p. 696) Elder Paula Yost
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

✠HYMN #246 *"Christ Is Alive!"* TRURO

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 24:1-12 (N.T., p. 90) Pastor Teng
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON *"He Is Not Here, But Has Risen!"*

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 #233 *"The Day of Resurrection!"* LANCASHIRE

✠CHARGE AND BLESSING

✠SENDING SONG *"Grace Like Rain"* Chris Tomlin (2004)

2025 EASTER FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God by the Following and:

Cliff Schmitt in memory of his wife Virginia Schmitt
Stephen Hoagland in memory of David Sifton
Gail Marshall in memory of Joe Marshall, H.J. & Thelma Marshall, and Charles & Evelyn Bryson
Jak & Claire Burton in memory of Bob & Betty Brown
Dick and Judy George in honor of God's gift of His Son for us!
Thomas & Susan White in memory of their parents and in honor of their families
Ron & Debbie Burleigh in memory of their parents
Rich & Penny Bernard in honor of their parents and sons
Tammy Ivan in memory of her parents
Betty Gould in memory of Howard Gould
Barbara Paget in honor of James M Paget and Julie Paget
Sandy Bean in memory of her mother, Petey Davis
Vickie Olcott in memory of Kim Thomas
Mary Mullin in honor of her grandchildren
Donna Hatch in memory of William (Bill) Hatch
Teri Beeler in memory of her beloved husband, Skip Beeler
Nancy Ragland in memory of loved ones
Becky Reed in memory of her mom
Sue Colley in memory of loved ones
Jenny, Hannah and Natalie Lyons in memory of Grandpa Joe, Mum-mum & Papa, and Grandpa Bob and Uncle Andy
Rusty & Sally Fischer in memory of Phyllis Armistead and Paul Davis
Cathy Seeger in memory of her beloved husband, Ron Seeger, and to all those who have gone before
Carl Plaugher & Pam Weiger in memory of loved ones
David, Meghan, and Riley Johnson in memory of Andy & Vivia Andrews and in honor of Mick & Anda Ray, and in honor of Jerry & Linda Johnson
Marilyn Grigsby in memory of Brian Grigsby
Mick & Anda Ray in honor and thankfulness for Rev. Bill Teng and Karen, in honor and appreciation for Betsie Germann and in memory of our family member who have gone onto glory
Paula & Bob Yost in memory of Paula's brother, Bob, who recently went to be with Jesus
Chris Jackson in loving memory of Chris' parents, Jerry & Mariane Ficara
Bob & Judy Howard in honor of their new great granddaughter, Sofia Hilsen
Gary & Linda Autry in memory of loved ones
Louise Segura in memory of Bill & Martha Hudson
Lucy McCoy in memory of brothers, Bill and Roy, and sisters, Virginia and Ruby
Carolyn Hattaway in honor of her 9 grandchildren
Marlin Peterson in memory of Harry Peterson





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 beginning **April 21**, led by Pastor Bill. *All are welcome!*

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.



One Great Hour of Sharing

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) collects a special offering for **One Great Hour of Sharing**, which helps those in need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the oppressed and poor. You can give by using the special offering envelope (given out on March 30 in the bulletin), include with your regular offering, or donate online at www.reiversdieptesbyterianchurch.org, and note in comment box: **OGHS**. *Thank you for your generosity!*



Pastor Teng is offering a training class for all ordained deacons and elders on **Thursday, April 24, from 6:00-8:30 p.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. For those who cannot make it on this day, a makeup class is planned for **Saturday, May 17, from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** Please let the office know as soon as possible which class you can attend.



Lift your prayers this week to the Throne of Grace for: **Joann Middleton** (Girard's mother), **Glen Stout, Wanda Cook, Meghan Johnson**, Vickie Olcott's friend **Margot, Priscilla Hernandez, 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; Rev. Jane Wesson and family** as her husband, Tony, died on April after a long struggle with Parkinson's, Paula Yost and family (her brother Bob passed), the **Nancy, Felicia, and Allie** (husband and father passed); housing situation for **Pastor Bill & Karen Teng**; peace for Ukraine and the Middle East.

DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Morning: Psalms 97; 145 / Evening: Psalms 124; 115 Jonah 2:1-10; Acts 2:14, 22-32; John 14:1-14
Tuesday	Morning: Psalms 98; 146 / Evening: Psalms 66: 116 Isaiah 30:18-26; Acts 2:36-41 (42-47); John 14:15-31
Wednesday	Morning: Psalms 99; 147:1-11 / Evening: Psalms 9; 118 Micah 7:7-15; Acts 3:1-10; John 15:1-11
Thursday	Morning: Psalms 47; 147:12-20 / Evening: Psalms 68; 113 Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 3:11-26; John 15:12-27
Friday	Morning: Psalms 96; 148 / Evening: Psalms 49; 138 Daniel 12:1-4, 13; Acts 4:1-12; John 16:1-15
Saturday	Morning: Psalms 92; 149 / Evening: Psalms 23; 114 Isaiah 25:1-9; Acts 4:13-21 (22-31); John 16:16-33
Sunday	Morning: Psalms 93; 150 / Evening: Psalms 136; 117 Isaiah 43:8-13; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-7

WHAT HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN CHRISTIAN HISTORY

✦ In early centuries the church had excommunicated heretics, but most church leaders had opposed physical punishment. But as bureaucracy grew and heresy flourished, attitudes changed. During the 1100s and early 1200s, stronger measures evolved; and on April 20, 1233, **Pope Gregory IX** delegated the prosecution of heresy to the Dominican order. The Inquisitors roamed the countryside, admonishing heretics to confess. Those who didn't were brought to trial, the Inquisition serving as a special court with broad and frightening powers, including the use of torture. ✦ April 20, 1314, marks the death of **Pope Clement V**, who moved the papacy to Avignon, France. ✦ April 20, 1718, is the birth date of **David Brainerd**, colonial American missionary to the Indians of New England. He died from tuberculosis at 29, but his journal influenced hundreds to become missionaries after him. ✦ Women in the churches of Puritan New England helped supply the needs of pastors' families by annual "Spinning Bees." For example, in Newbury, Connecticut on April 20, 1768, young ladies met at the house of the **Rev. Mr. Parsons**, who preached to them a sermon from Proverbs 31:19. They spun and presented to Mrs. Parsons 270 skeins of good yarn while drinking "liberty tea." ✦ During the War in Vietnam, two missionary nurses, **Minka Hanskamp** and **Margaret Morgan**, were working among lepers in the predominately Muslim area of neighboring Thailand. On April 20, 1974, while in the town of Pujub to hold a leprosy clinic, they were kidnapped. Their skeletons were later found in the jungle.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 20 - 27, 2025

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

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Resurrection of the Lord</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Monday	Office Closed	Closed for Easter Monday
	1:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Missions Team (Zoom)
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast (Knox Hall)
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Circle (Knox Hall)
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Knox Hall)
Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Leadership Training (Fellowship Hall)
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes
	10:00 a.m.	Worship — <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>
	11:15 a.m.	Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)



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