

**The flowers** this morning are given by Harry and Betty Peterson:  
To the glory of God and with thanks for His many blessings,  
especially our upcoming 63rd wedding anniversary

### This Week at Riverside

Sun	9/5	9:00 am	"Fusion" Youth Group - Pfeiffer Room (Ages 11-17)
		9:00 am	Blood Drive (appointment encouraged, code #9534)
		10:00 am	Worship - Sanctuary
		11:00 am	Fellowship Time - Fellowship Hall
Mon	9/6		<b>Office Closed</b>
Tue	9/7	7:00 pm	OMEC
Wed	9/8	8:30 am	Men's Study
		10:00 am	Prayer Circle - Galilee
		11:00 am	Communications
		7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study- Parlor/Zoom

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### Welcome

On behalf of Riverside Presbyterian, it is my pleasure to welcome you to worship this morning. The opportunity to worship together as the Family is one of God's great gifts.

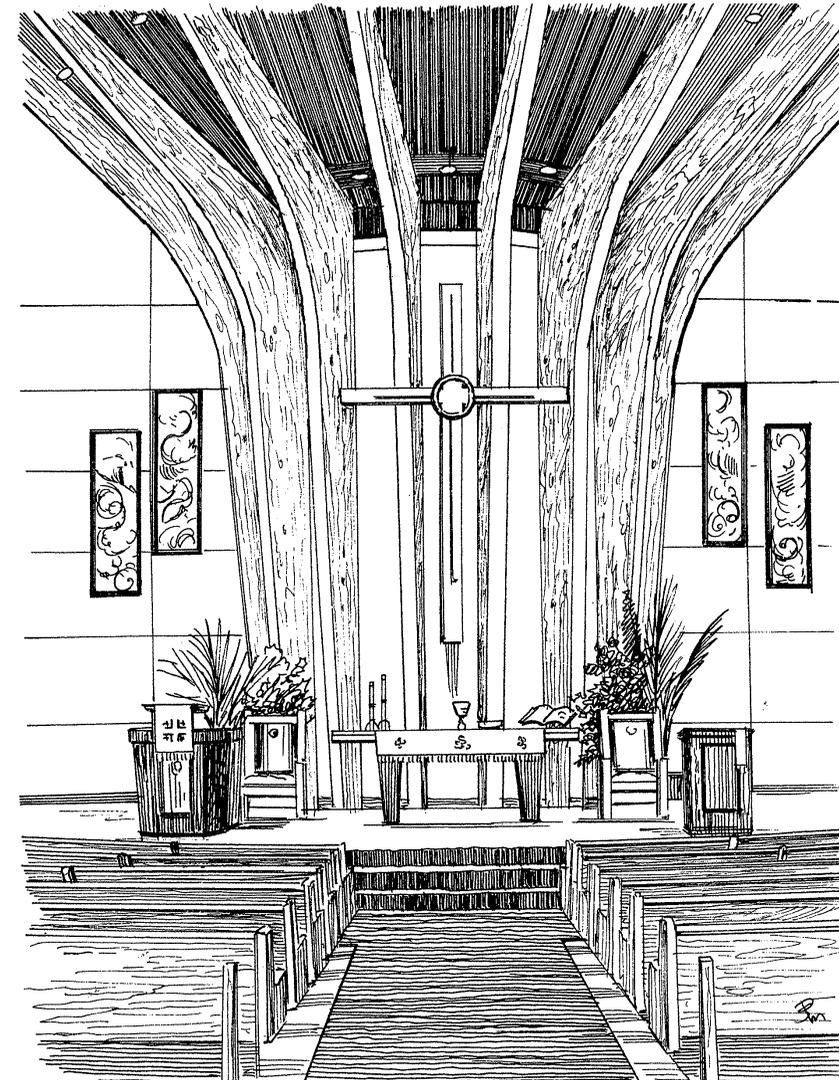
It is my hope that this time and place will be a grounding place for us all,  
one that enables us to live as freely and fully as God intends.

Blessings on each and every one of your heads, Pastor Chris



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Monday-Thursday: 9am to 2 pm  
Friday: Closed



## RIVERSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### September 5, 2021 ~ 10am WORSHIP

### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

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## News of the Kingdom

### Prelude

### Call To Worship (Psalm 100)

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord all the earth!

**Many: Let us worship the Lord with gladness! Let us enter God's presence with singing!**

One: For the Lord is a gracious God; God's mercy is everlasting; God's faithfulness endures to all generations!

**All: May the Lord's Name be praised!**

### \*Stirring of the Spirit

Hymn #35 *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

### Prayer of Confession, the Lord's Prayer and Silent Confession

**Great and loving God, we bow before you now, acknowledging the ways we've failed to walk fully in your ways. Our intent is pure, but we often labor in things not of you: pride, ease, indifference. Redirect our work that what we do would be more in line with the hope you have for us. In Jesus' Name we pray as we've been taught ...**

**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.**

\* Please stand if you are able.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

## Passing of the Peace

## Fusion Youth

\*Hymn #343 *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Epistle Reading James 2:1-8

Special Music *Shout to the Lord*  
Fusion Youth

## Prayer of the People and for Illumination

Gospel Reading Mark 7:24-37

Sermon *From Pondering to Mission* Rev. Dr. Chris Carson

## Sacrament of Communion

Words of Institution  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Sharing of the Elements

\*Hymn #509 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

## \*Benediction

## Postlude

### Next Steps

Wondering what your Next Steps with Riverside might be? The Session would love to explore this with you! We meet the 1st Sunday of every month, 9am in the Judea Room in the Knox (office) building. All questions and people are welcome! See Pastor Chris for more info.



Worship Notes, September 5, 2021  
Welcome to worship! We are excited you are here! As you attend worship today, use this sheet to help you stay engaged and learn.

Today's passage is Mark 7:24-37

<sup>24</sup> From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, <sup>25</sup> but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. <sup>26</sup> Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup> He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup> But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup> Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup> So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. <sup>31</sup> Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup> They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup> He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup> Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup> And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup> Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup> They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Underline what you like in today's passage.

Circle what is confusing in the passage. Later today, ask someone to explain it to you.

Put a box around the main part. Tell another what you think is special about it.

If you were speaking about today's passage, what would you say?



What word did you hear over and over today? What does it mean?

What nice thing did you do for another today? What did you do?

What did you learn about God today?



God loves you - and so does your church family!!!