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TODAY IN WORSHIP March 25, 2018

STATEMENT ON PURPOSE

As we are gathered for worship,
Let us acknowledge with solemn joy
God's gift of this place,
Remembering with gratitude
All who have worshipped here,
The faith professed at the font,
The gospel proclaimed from the pulpit,
The assurance received at the table,
The marriage vows, the witnesses to the joys and challenges of life,
And the enduring faithfulness of Jesus Christ.

Let us also reaffirm our faith
In the God who upholds His church
As this structure is transferred to other uses.
That which we have received from God
Let us now return to God with thanksgiving.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Holy Ground

RPC Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

How precious is your steadfast love, O God
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings
They shall again live beneath my shadow,
They shall flourish as a garden;
They shall blossom like the vine,
Their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.
In the ministry of the Holy Spirit,
Let us worship the Lord!

10:00AM WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING is today! Prayerfully consider giving to this special offering. Envelope provided in the bulletin.

FELLOWSHIP with your Brothers & Sisters after the service in Fellowship Hall. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10

EASTER FLOWERS What could be a more wonderful way to remember or honor a loved one than to purchase an Easter flower to decorate our sanctuary on the day we celebrate our Lord's resurrection? A Deacon will deliver many of the plants to members of our church family who can no longer join us for church activities. Envelopes to order flowers will be available in the Narthax. You can either place the completed order in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office. Deadline for returning your Easter flower order is March 26th.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT RIVERSIDE Kids, gather your Easter baskets and get ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt at Riverside Presbyterian Church on Easter Sunday, April 1st. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 AM for a short devotional. Toddlers and children through elementary school age, are welcome to participate. All children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews are invited. **Grab those baskets and let's go hunt some EGGS !!!**

DR. VERNON BOUSHELL'S CONCERT SERIES presents a free concert of "Land That We Love: A Tribute to the Pioneering Spirit of America" on Sunday, April 8, at 3:30 PM. The concert will be performed by The Three Sopranos. The Three Sopranos represent some of the finest soprano voices in Central Florida. A free ticket is required and is available in our Box Office, printed online from our website at www.RiversidePres.org, or by calling our Ticket Line at 321-525-7825.

RESERVED DEVOTIONALS Copies of *THESE DAYS* for April, May, June 2018 are available for pickup. There are some unreserved copies available. If you would like to a reserved copy, please contact Sonja Buckley at 321-452-8569.

THIS WEEK AT RIVERSIDE

- Sun 3/25** 10:00 AM Worship—Sanctuary
- Mon 3/26** 1:00 PM Bible Study
6:00 PM Session Phase 2—Knox Parlor
7:00 PM NA Meeting—Fellowship Hall
- Tue 3/27** 9:30 AM Senior Fitness—Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Bell Choir—Calvin Hall
7:00 PM OMEC—Knox Parlor
- Wed 3/28** 7:30 AM Men's Bible —Knox Parlor
10:00 AM Prayer Group—Knox Parlor
7:00 PM Women's Bible Study—Knox Parlor
- Thu 3/29** 9:30 AM Senior Fitness—Fellowship Hall
7:00 PM Maundy Thursday—Fellowship Hall
- Fri 3/30** 6:00 PM Reflection—Sanctuary
7:00 PM Good Friday Service—Sanctuary

To Quote:

Joy is the rarest and most infrequent thing in the world. We already have enough fanatical seriousness, enthusiasm, and humorless zeal in the world. But joy? This shows us that the perception of the living God is rare. When we have found God our Savior – or when God has found us – we will rejoice in God.

-Karl Barth

LITANY OF PRAISE

Eternal God, whom the highest heaven cannot contain,
Much less a building made by human hands.

Hear our prayer.

For the Church universal, of which this building has been a symbol,
We praise you, O God.

For all the saints who, in times past and present
Have given praise to you in this place
To offer their prayers and praise to you,
We praise you, O God.

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace,
Who in this place were cleansed of sin,
Buried with Christ in the waters of baptism,
And raised to new and eternal life,
We praise you, O God.

For your presence whenever your Word has been proclaimed
And your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received,
We praise you, O God.

For your blessing upon each of your children welcomed and nurtured here,
We praise you, O God.

For all who came to ask your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
We praise you, O God.

For faithful stewards, who have lived for others
Serving you by loving neighbors,
We praise you, O God.

For all who were gathered from this place, having lived this life in faith,
Who now live eternally with you,
We praise you, O God.

For the knowledge that your church and ministry among us
Will continue today, tomorrow, and forever,
We praise you, O God,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
By the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Prayer for
Illumination**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and Your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us today. This we pray in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We will process from the Chapel to the Sanctuary

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

HANDBELL ENSEMBLE *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* Teschner/Groth

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, who calls us to follow the way of Jesus Christ, we approach this procession of palms that leads us into a solemnity of Holy Week. As the Lord endured betrayal, arrest, denial, torture, and crucifixion, grant us the courage to walk with Him. Grant us humility to face the sin and frailty in our own lives. By Your grace move us through these somber days and nights into the joyful celebration of the Resurrection! This we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent prayer of personal confession

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.. All may exchange signs and words of peace.

ANTHEM *Lift Up Your Heads* Fry/Hall
Riverside Presbyterian Chancel and Youth Choirs

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*SONGS OF PRAISE Psalm 66 Praise Band

*Hosanna
Lord I Lift Your Name On High
Shine Jesus Shine*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES AT 9:00 AM BEGINNING APRIL 8TH

One Room School House (K-3rd graders)

Pfeiffer Room

"Feasting on the Word"(4th-8th graders)

Fellowship Hall Stage

NEW ADULT CLASS

The course is "Christianity and Islam:

So Much In Common, So Far Apart" by Ronn Kerr.

The study takes neither a "how to convert Muslims" nor a "we're all the same" approach. It provides students with a greater appreciation of both Jesus and Muhammad; both the New Testament and the Quran; and both

Christianity and Islam. One of the most common comments from students who have taken the course is that they learned a lot about Islam and just about as much about their own faith.

The class begins after Easter, on April 8th and will finish May 20th. It will be held from 9:00 to 9:50 AM with Betty Peterson as leader, assisted by Penny Bernard. Each student should purchase the textbook for \$10 and are available today in Fellowship Hall.

CONGREGATION FEEDBACK

*Sponsored by Session
Phase 2*



JOIN US

As we continue on our faith journey, the Session’s Phase 2 Committee is asking for your help and opinions as we develop a plan to meet the spiritual needs of our church and our community in the next five years. There are sheets in the Sanctuary to sign up for one of the small group meetings. Please select a date and join us as we discuss “How we look to minister today and tomorrow while honoring our past.”

- Monday, March 26th at 6 pm
- Monday, April 16th at 6 pm
- Sunday, April 22nd at 11:15 am

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*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION			
THE BIBLE	Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29		
	Mark 11:1-11		
SERMON	<i>Hooray for the King!?!</i>		
THE OFFERING			
OFFERTORY	<i>The Palms</i>	Robert Yost, soloist	
*DOXOLOGY			
PRAYER OF DEDICATION, PASTORAL and THE LORD’S PRAYER			
*HYMN 196	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>		
*BENEDICTION WITH CHILDREN			
*SENDING SONG	<i>Jesus is the Rock</i>	Psalm 66 Praise Band	
POSTLUDE	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	<i>Smith</i>	
*Please stand in body and/or in spirit			

The Church's One Foundation

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation,
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly,
In love may dwell with Thee.

HOLY GROUND

Geron Davis

As I walked through the door, I sensed His presence,
and I knew this was the place where love abounds
For this is the temple, Jehovah God abides here,
and we are standing in His presence on holy ground*

We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
We are standing in His presence
On holy ground

In His presence
There is joy beyond measure
And at His feet
Peace of mind can still be found
And if you have a need
I know He has the answer
Reach out and claim it, you are standing on holy ground

We are standing on holy ground
And I know that there are angels all around
Let us praise Jesus now
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