

Riverside United Methodist Church

The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost • July 12, 2020 • 9:30 AM

**** The people will rise in body or spirit.**

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Call to Worship

****Opening Hymn**

How Firm A Foundation

UMH 529

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

5 "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

****Invocation**

For Illumination

UMH 477

All: Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us with light;
open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain thee
with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.

Gathering the Community

Exchange of Peace

THE WORD

Epistle Reading Hebrews 4:11-16 (CEB)

Jan Phelps, liturgist

Therefore, let's make every effort to enter that rest so that no one will fall by following the same example of disobedience, because God's word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It penetrates to the point that it separates the soul from the spirit and the joints from the marrow. It's able to judge the heart's thoughts and intentions. No creature is hidden from it, but rather everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of the one to whom we have to give an answer. Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin. Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

Special Music

Pastoral Prayer

****Gradual**

Speak, O Lord

TOWNEND

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us, all your purposes for your glory.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

****Gospel Reading** John 1:1-5, 14 (CEB)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: Come, Holy Spirit.
One: A reading from the Gospel of John
All: Glory to you, O God.

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word nothing came into being. What came into being through the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness doesn't extinguish the light. The Word became flesh and made his home among us. We have seen his glory, glory like that of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

One: Living Spirit, Living Word
All: Thanks be to God!

****Response**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

VASILE

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Sermon

Puzzled: *The Bible is the Word of God?*

Rev. Keith A. Turner

THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Invitation to Holy Communion

One: The Gospel writers tell of our Risen Savior, who at table with two of the disciples took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized the Risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

All: In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the Risen Christ in the breaking of the bread.

The Words of Institution

One: On the night you were betrayed, you took the bread. After giving thanks, you broke it and said, "This is my body, broken for you, and as you eat it, remember me.

All: This is my body broken for you, and as you eat it, remember me.

One: On the night you were betrayed, you held the cup. After giving thanks, you lifted it up. "This is my life, poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember me.

All: This is my life poured out for you, and as you drink it, remember me.

One: So, we thank you for the wine and for the bread. For we see the love you gave and the life that you shed.

All: And we remember your wondrous love. You gave your body; you shed your blood. And we remember your wondrous love, you gave your Spirit to live in us.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, we are bold to pray the prayer Christ has taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymns during Communion

Break Thou the Bread of Life
Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 599
UMH 600

1 Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!

2 Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

1 Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
let me more thy beauty see, wonderful words of life;
words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

2 Christ, the blessed one, gives to all wonderful words of
life; sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
all so freely given, wooing us to heaven.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

3 Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of life;
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of life.

****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING

****Closing Hymn**

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

1 My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood
support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
On Christ the solid rock, I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

****Benediction**

Sending Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Announcements this Week

Tuesday, July 14; 9:00AM – Bibles & Bagels (West Side Park)

Thursday, July 16; 7:30AM – Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
10:00AM – Woodcarvers and Crafters (Fellowship Hall)