

Riverside United Methodist Church

The Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost • August 16, 2020 • 9:30 AM

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Call to Worship

****Opening Hymn**

God Is Here

UMH 660

1 God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minded and hearts.

2 Here are symbols to remind us
of our lifelong need of grace;
here are table, font, and pulpit;
here the cross has central place.
Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.

3 Here our children find a welcome
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;
here as bread and wine are taken,
Christ sustains us, as of old.
Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.

4 Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

****Invocation**

Gathering the Community

Exchange of Peace

THE WORD

Hebrew Reading Psalm 27

Sandy Hunter, liturgist

The LORD is my light and my salvation. Should I fear anyone? The LORD is a fortress protecting my life. Should I be frightened of anything? When evildoers come at me trying to eat me up— it's they, my foes and my enemies, who stumble and fall! If an army camps against me, my heart won't be afraid. If war comes up against me, I will continue to trust in this: I have asked one thing from the LORD— it's all

I seek: to live in the LORD's house all the days of my life, seeing the LORD's beauty and constantly adoring his temple. Because he will shelter me in his own dwelling during troubling times; he will hide me in a secret place in his own tent; he will set me up high, safe on a rock. Now my head is higher than the enemies surrounding me, and I will offer sacrifices in God's tent—sacrifices with shouts of joy! I will sing and praise the LORD. LORD, listen to my voice when I cry out—have mercy on me and answer me! Come, my heart says, seek God's face. LORD, I do seek your face! Please don't hide it from me! Don't push your servant aside angrily—you have been my help! God who saves me, don't neglect me! Don't leave me all alone! Even if my father and mother left me all alone, the LORD would take me in. LORD, teach me your way; because of my opponents, lead me on a good path. Don't give me over to the desires of my enemies, because false witnesses and violent accusers have taken their stand against me. But I have sure faith that I will experience the LORD's goodness in the land of the living! Hope in the LORD! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the LORD!

Special Music

Pastoral Prayer

**Gradual

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

UMH 465

1 Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2 Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.

**Epistle Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6; 11-13 (CEB)

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: A reading from the Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

All: Glory to you, O God.

Brothers and sisters, I want you to be sure of the fact that our ancestors were all under the cloud and they all went through the sea. All were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. All ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. They drank from a spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. However, God was unhappy with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. These things were examples for us, so we won't crave evil things like they did. These things happened to them as an example and were written as a warning for us to whom the end of time has come. So those who think they are standing need to watch out or else they may fall. No temptation has seized you that isn't common for people. But God is faithful. He won't allow you to be tempted beyond your abilities. Instead, with the temptation, God will also supply a way out so that you will be able to endure it.

One: Living Spirit, Living Word

All: Thanks be to God!

**Response

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

UMH 465

3 Holy Spirit, Power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4 Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

Sermon

Puzzled:

Rev. Keith A. Turner

God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle?

THE EUCHARIST

Invitation to Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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

Hymn during Communion

Nearer, My God, to Thee

UMH 528

1 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

2 Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

3 There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

4 Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee;
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING

****Closing Hymn**

A Mighty Fortress In Our God

UMH 110

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth, his Name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3 And though this world with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The Prince of Darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.

4 That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours,
thru him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

****Benediction**

Sending Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Announcements this Week

Thursday, August 13; 8:00AM – Thursday Morning Men’s Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)

Please know that Pastor Keith will be on vacation from Monday, August 17 to Sunday, August 30. The Rev. Kevin Smigielski will be preaching on Sundays, August 23 and August 30. The Rev. Karen Bray from College Avenue United Methodist Church will be covering pastoral care emergencies.