

Riverside United Methodist Church

The First Sunday in Ordinary Time • September 6, 2020 • 9:30 AM

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

GATHERING

Gathering Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Call to Worship

****Opening Hymn**

Maker In Whom We Live

UMH 88

1 Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.

3 Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless
thine heart renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.

2 Incarnate Deity,
let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee
for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed
ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God,
salvation to the Lamb!"

4 Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record
and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

****Invocation**

Gathering the Community

Exchange of Peace

THE WORD

Modern Lesson from *Living into Community* by Christine Pohl

Laura Shadoin, liturgist

Gratitude is vital to sustaining communities that are holy and good. Part of the recent emphasis on gratitude or giving thanks is surely a response to the epidemic of complaint, envy, presumption, and dissatisfaction that undermines human relationships and plagues many communities. These forms of ingratitude are deadly: they kill community by chipping away at it until participants long to be just about anywhere else. While gratitude gives life to communities, ingratitude that has become established sucks out everything good, until life itself shrivels and discouragement and discontent take over. Ingratitude is not only annoying and unpleasant, it is dangerous. While thanksgiving should characterize God's people, Paul describes failure to give thanks to God as idolatry. [But] when our lives are shaped by gratitude, we're more likely to notice the goodness and beauty in everyday things. We are content; we feel blessed and are eager to confer blessing. We are able to delight in the very existence of another human being. For those of us transformed by grace, gratitude is not merely an act or an attitude; it is our identity.

Special Music

Pastoral Prayer

****Gradual**

We Limit Not the Truth of God

ELLACOMBE

1 We limit not the truth of God
to our poor reach of mind,
to notions of our day and place,
crude, partial, and confined;
No, let a new and better hope
within our hearts be stirred:
O God, grant yet more light and truth
to break forth from your Word.

****Gospel Reading** Luke 17:11-19 (CEB)

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: A reading from the Gospel of Luke

All: Glory to you, O God.

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with skin diseases approached him. Keeping their distance from him, they raised their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, show us mercy!" When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they left, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned and praised God with a loud voice. He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus replied, "Weren't ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? No one returned to praise God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to him, "Get up and go. Your faith has healed you."

One: Jesus is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

****Response**

We Limit Not the Truth of God

ELLACOMBE

3 Eternal God, Incarnate Word,
Spirit of flame and dove:
enlarge, expand all living souls
to comprehend your love;
And help us all to seek your will
with wiser powers conferred:
O God, grant yet more light and truth
to break forth from your Word

Sermon

Living into Community:
Embracing Gratitude as a Way of Life

Rev. Keith A. Turner

THE EUCHARIST

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 9

The presider reads the non-bod text. The people respond with the text in bold type.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

UMH 92

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5 For thy church, that evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love;
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

6 For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great, love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Christ, our God to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

****Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING

****Closing Hymn**

In Unity We Lift Our Song

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1 In unity we lift our song
of grateful adoration,
for brothers brave and sisters strong.
What cause for celebration!
For those whose faithfulness
has kept us through distress,
who've shared with us our plight,
who've held us in the night,
the blessed congregation.

2 For stories told and told again
to every generation,
to give us strength in time of pain,
to give us consolation.
Our spirits to revive
to keep our dreams alive,
when we are far from home
and evil seasons come;
How firm is our foundation

3 For sacred scriptures handed down,
a blessed trust and treasure,
which give us hope when hope is gone
and make us weep with pleasure.
And when our eyes grow blind
and death is close behind,
we shall recite them still
whose words our hearts can fill
with hope beyond all measure.

4 For God our way, our bread, our rest,
of all these gifts the Giver.
Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast
whose hand will yet deliver.
Who keeps us till the day
when night shall pass away,
when hate and fear are gone
and all our work is done,
and we shall sing forever.

****Benediction**

Sending Music

Daniel Kuhn, piano

Announcements this Week

Tuesday, September 8 ; 9:00AM – Bibles & Bagels (West Side Park)

Thursday, September 10; 8:00AM – Thursday Morning Men's Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)