

**RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2020
5TH SUNDAY IN LENT**

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

INTRODUCTION OF THE SERVICE

Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton

CALL TO WORSHIP (sung) #463

**How Firm a Foundation
(Verses 1,3,5)**

*How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?*

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

*The soul that on Jesus hath leaned 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 for sake."*

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Dr. David Welton

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Martha Shiverick

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

PSALM 130 (unison)

Out of the depths I call to you, O Lord. Lord, listen to my cry! Let your ears be attentive to my plea for mercy. If you, O Lord, keep account of sins, Lord, who will survive? Yours is the power to forgive, so that you may be held in awe.

I look to the Lord, my soul looks to him, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more eagerly than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord is steadfast love, and great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SCRIPTURE

JOHN 11:17-45

Narrator: A friend of Jesus, Lazarus of Bethany, was very ill. His sisters, Mary and Martha, sent a message to Jesus, who was in Jerusalem, hoping he would come to see their brother.

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹

Martha: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

Jesus: "Your brother will rise again."

Martha: "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Martha: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

Narrator: Then Lazarus' sister Mary came to see Jesus. When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was deeply moved. Jesus began to weep. They took Jesus to the tomb; it was a cave, and stone was lying against it.

Jesus: "Take away the stone."

Martha: "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

Jesus: "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

Narrator: So they took away the stone.

*Jesus (looking upward): "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." (crying with a loud voice) **"Lazarus, come out!"***

Narrator: The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth.

Jesus: "Unbind him, and let him go."

Narrator: Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

SERMON

Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton

The Power To Redeem

HYMN Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For the Lord's Prayer we appreciate the diverse traditions and backgrounds that make up the Riviera family of faith, and encourage you to use whatever words for this prayer are meaningful for you.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator 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 us 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.

INVITATION TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Act of Gratitude

1. You may donate today via credit/debit card by visiting our website at www.rivierachurch.org and clicking on the GIVE button
2. You may download the free Give+ app (iOS & Android)
3. You may also consider setting up online payment via your bank bill pay program.
4. You may also mail in your check to the church at Riviera Presbyterian Church at 5275 Sunset Drive, Miami FL 33143

If you are a member of another church, please donate to them during this time.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Love Lifted Me

Riviera's Food Pantry Ministry will be distributing food on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am – 12:00noon on the east entrance of the sanctuary.

If you would like to shop for the food pantry the following items are needed: **peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, pasta sauce and pasta.** Please, NO condiments, rice or beans at this time.

Donations can be dropped off at the church Fellowship Hall doors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. If you are ordering the food to be delivered please schedule them for Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Sign up on our website to be added to the email list to receive information and inspiration or send us an email at rivierachurch@bellsouth.net

Visit us on Facebook right [here](#), as another way to find comfort and connect with friends and neighbors.

Video and audio was recorded by various members of the church's staff and family for the purpose of providing online worship to the members of Riviera Presbyterian and others who view the link

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