



**WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY MAY 3, 2020
'MAY WORSHIP –
NUGGETS OF JOY IN A TIME OF
TURMOIL'**

**Celebrating 40 Years of Mission through
The Child Care Center of Riviera Church**

Good Morning! We're delighted that you are joining us today. We thank God for the gift of technology and the ability to worship together even when we are apart. **Let us know you worshiped with us today by filling out the Friendship Form located on our website WORSHIP page www.rivierachurch.org.**

If you are joining in via Facebook, please leave us a comment and don't forget to keep checking our various social media outlets for up-to-date information.

Mission Statement

**Riviera Presbyterian Church is a spiritual community that
accepts and embraces all God's children.**

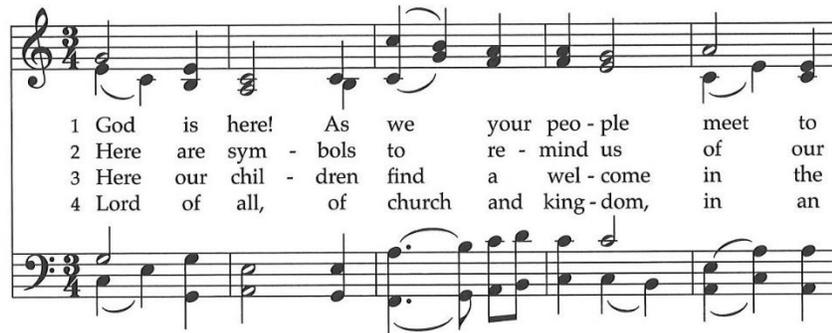
GATHERING

OPENING HYMN #409 Verses 1, 3 and 4

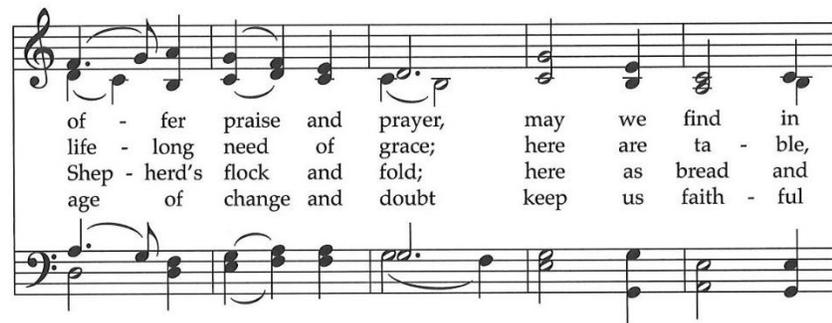
GATHERING

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God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1979; rev. 1988
MUSIC: Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941
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Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company

ABBOT'S LEIGH
8.7.8.7.D

GATHERING

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Ella & Ethan Lee

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

Dr. Walter Busse

GREETINGS

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

MOMENT FOR MISSION

**CCC Director Lynn D'Agostino
40th Anniversary of Child Care Center**

OPENING PRAYER

Morgan Adams

Let us pray:

Good Shepherd, you call each of us by name.

You care for us and ask that we care for each other.

As we worship today, we do so celebrating the 40th anniversary of our Child Care Center which has offered a safe and loving place for working parents to bring their children.

We pray for this wonderful mission of our church, the thousands of children for which the CCC has cared, for the teachers and staff who have nurtured them, and for the future children who will be cared for here. God, be with us as we worship today and as we continue the missions to which you call us. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Nicole Prieto

(Adapted from a prayer by Dr. Stephen Plymale, Professor of New Testament at Proctor School of Theology)

We love the 23rd Psalm. We say it prayerfully in season's of sorrow; recite it's comforting words in periods of uncertainty; rehearse the assurance it offers for times of trial; and claim its promises as the very structural support of our faith and life. At least we claim to do so. But maybe its words can also guide us in a moment of confession. Let us join together in confession guided by the words and thoughts of the 23rd Psalm.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION unison

Nicole Prieto

‘The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.’ With these words I am saying that God provides me with everything I need; but do I really believe that?

‘He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.’ If God is restoring my soul, why do I feel so tired, so exhausted, so ‘run thin’, so overwhelmed?

‘He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.’ Am I really living my life on the right path in every aspect of my life? Would I be comfortable and even proud to have God along with me everywhere I go?

‘Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.’ Then why am I always looking elsewhere for comfort and protection? Why do I have so many fears?

‘You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.’ I wonder what my life would look like if I really did trust God. I wonder how I would view others, including enemies, if I really believed God to be beside me.

‘Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long. Am I confident that God goes with me? Am I confident that I will live with God forever? Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nicole Prieto

The words are sure and true: the Lord is our Shepherd and provides for us everything we need. Know that God is with you now, forgiving you, rejoicing to be in your presence, and willing to transform you. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Sage Sweeny-Lardner

Prepare us, O God, to hear your word through the scripture reading of the 23rd Psalm today. Confront us with your claims on our lives. Clarify the choices we must make if our lives are to have meaning and purpose. Comfort us with your message of loving care and concern. **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

Brother James's Air

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23

Ethan Lee

(From The Message translation by Eugene Peterson)

God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from.

True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me in the right direction.

Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I am not afraid when you walk by my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure.

You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies.

You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing.

Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

'Having a Shepherd, Being a Shepherd'

THE RESPONSE

**LITANY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE CHILDCARE
CENTER & PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

One: God, we thank you that you have called us together as a community called Riviera and have given us wonderful missions which both excite us and make us committed to your ministry.

All: This morning we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our Child Care Center and the many children who have been cared for in our church through those decades.

One: We thank you for the staff and teachers who have shared their love with the families of the Child Care Center.

All: We pray that the children will continue to experience the love and security we strive to offer as we teach and model an ethic of care and concern for all.

One: God, we pray for all your children, particularly in this time in our history where people are fearful, and where unemployment and the numbers of people affected by the virus continue to grow.

All: We ask that we feel your loving care and that you show us how to minister to those in need.

One: We pray all this as we also pray the prayer that was modeled by Jesus, praying:

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 unison

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO OFFERING

Our God has prepared a table before us and our cup overflows. So let us give generously from our common wealth, as our way of praising God and giving to those in need.

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 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

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, ye hosts in heaven above;
Praise God, the Trinity of Love. Amen.*

THE SENDING

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

188 Jesus Loves Me!

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn, featuring a treble and bass clef in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

The first line of the refrain, featuring a treble and bass clef in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

The second line of the refrain, featuring a treble and bass clef in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Few songs of faith have supported people from cradle to grave like this one. The great theologian Karl Barth said that its opening two lines were a summary of all that he had learned. The composer formed the refrain from those lines when creating this universally used tune.

TEXT: Stanza 1, Anna Bartlett Warner, 1859; stanza 2, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971
MUSIC: William Batchelder Bradbury, 1862, alt.

JESUS LOVES ME
7.7.7.7 with refrain

Child Care Center

at Riviera Presbyterian Church

Thank you to our CCC alumuni for your participation in today's service: Ella Lee, Morgan Adams, Nicole Prieto, Sage Sweeny-Lardner, Ethan Lee.

How the CCC Became a Reality:

In the late '70's, RPC minister, Howard Gordon, set up a committee to research how to use the educational building of the church that sat empty all week. I, and another member had just read an article in the Presbyterian Survey magazine about churches who had developed weekly preschool programs. That set off a yearlong study which determined that the kind of program RPC could develop would use the Educational building Monday through Friday from 7am to 7pm for a full day child care program for infant through preschool children of working parents.

The Session took on the endorsement and development of a non-religious, 7am to 7pm program as a mission. Within a year and a half The Child Care Center, Inc. became a reality.

The commitment to providing warm nurturing care for infants through young 5 year olds as well as a developmentally appropriate early childhood learning experience has been our focus for the past 40years. Over 2000 children have spent at least part of their preschool years in the care the Riviera community has provided through the stewardship of the education buildings. Think of it! That is a continuing and very significant fulfillment of a vision conceived by this congregation 40 years ago.

--Vivian German, Ruling Elder and

Past Director of the CCC at Riviera Presbyterian Church

Don't forget to fill out the Friendship Form on our website or leave us a comment on Facebook so we know you worship with us today. Please include any prayer requests you have which will be sent to our pastoral care team.



Grab a cup of coffee and join us after the worship service on Zoom Holy Grounds to connect with others in the Riviera church family.
Meeting ID: 931-409-506
Password: 5275



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, pasta sauce, pasta, cereal or granola bars, crackers, tuna, mac & cheese, rice and beans each 1 lb bags, canned fruit and veggies.

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.

--Thank you.