



WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY MAY 10, 2020
‘Nuggets of Joy in a Time of Turmoil’
CELEBRATING MOTHER’S DAY

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, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, for up-to-date information.

GATHERING

HYMN #451

THE WORD

Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.
2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.
3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will
O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy
thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
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The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author / composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

TEXT and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

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WELCOME

Rev. Martha Shiverick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kyle Dettloff

One: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

All: By this we know love that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

One: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

All: In the love we share and the love we freely give to another, we experience God.

One: So let us praise God, and live in love and friendship toward the human family in all our actions

All: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Karen Collier

Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude.

Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy.

Too often our lips are passive and unwilling to speak words of love.

Too often we are indeed alienated and separated from our better self, separated and alienated from God.

Let us confess our separation and alienation.

Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God, we realize that we have not made ourselves and our homes the dwelling place of your love that we would like. We long to be to others a beacon of serenity of spirit and peace at this time of uncertainty and fear. We long for the day when each

family everywhere might live in peace, free of the fear of the Corona Virus and economic concerns.

Yet, we confess that even within ourselves there is much anxiety, fear, and distrust.

Look upon us with kindness and mercy; rule in our hearts and our world; so that we might walk in your path, model your love and share our hearts with others. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our confession is an acknowledgement of our humanness, our need for God's grace. God has promised that we can be forgiven for our weaknesses, our insensitivities, and our cynicism. We accept this assurance with humility and great gratitude and a commitment to be more loving in our daily life.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kyle Dettloff

God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. Amid the changes of our world in these past two months, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Then may we respond to your gracious promises with faithful and obedient lives, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM We Are One In the Spirit

SCRIPTURE:

1John 4: 7-12

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to

love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

SERMON

Rev. Martha Shiverick

‘What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love!’

PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION unison

Susan Mazzola

Dear God, we are thankful for the many ways we experience you in the love we share, love that is freely given to us, and love that at times we feel we don’t even deserve.

This morning we especially raise up to you in thanksgiving the unconditional love we have experienced in our lives and the way that it allows us to see, in part, how great your love for all creation is.

We thank you this morning for the many people in our lives who have showered us with love and we raise up with thanksgiving and praise mothers, and mother-like figures in our lives.

God, we pray that we become more loving. We pray that we learn to see what is godlike in all people and experience the divine in them.

Teach us to move past grudges, prejudices, and petty arguments and to appreciate what is different, to respect what we might not understand in others, and to realize that it is a holy opportunity to love each person.

God, teach us to share love with all people and to be Christ’s heart and hands in the ways we reach out, we share, we care, and we minister to your whole creation.

God, we pray for others.

Be with all who are having trouble feeling your warm embrace at this time. We ask that we be your people, sharing your light and

love with all. Be with those to whom Mother's Day is a sad day. Embrace those who are deep in grief and loss.

We pray for our world wrestling with how to live with a virus gripping our planet. Show us how to minister to others who are lonely, who are frightened, and who feel insecure. Show us how best to share your love and tender care.

We pray all this in Christ's name who taught to pray in this manner:

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

We bring these offerings because of the love you have poured out on us. Because of the many ways you have blessed us, we have much to give. These tithes and offerings express our gratitude and our aspiration to be more fully your disciple and we ask that you grant your joy to all who give and all who receive.

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*

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN #693

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

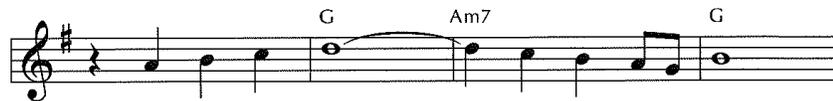
Though I May Speak 693 The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
but not be given by love with - in,
Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

As paraphrases of 1 Corinthians 13:1, 3 the first two stanzas here are in the first person singular, yet they lead into a plural prayer for the gift of such love, for it thrives in community. These words are especially poignant with this adaptation of an English folk melody.

TEXT: Hal H. Hopson, 1972
MUSIC: English folk melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1972
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GIFT OF LOVE
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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, crackers, tuna, rice -1lb bags, canned soup, cereal or granola bars, canned veggies, and canned fruit.

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.

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