



**WORSHIP SUNDAY JUNE 21, 2020  
'DEALING WITH CONFLICT IN THE  
FAITH COMMUNITY'  
SUMMER SERMON SERIES –  
THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Good Morning!

Even when we're physically apart, the Holy Spirit unites us as one community! Even when we can't *go to church*, **we are the church!**

**Let us know you worshiped with us today by filling out the Friendship Form located on our website **WORSHIP** page [www.rivierachurch.org](http://www.rivierachurch.org).**

If you are joining in via Facebook, please check in or leave us a comment so we know you are worshiping with us today.

Don't forget to keep checking our various social media outlets, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, for up-to-date information.

# HYMN #69

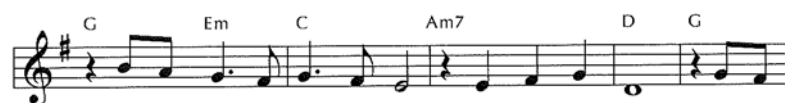
## GATHERING I the Lord of Sea and Sky

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

### 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est



made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.  
break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

TEXT: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981, alt.  
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HERE I AM (Schutte)  
7.7.7.4.D with refrain

## **CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

## **WELCOMING THE LIGHT**

### **WELCOME**

**Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Sandy Barrow**

**One:** Listen to the good news. God is with us, this day and every day.

**All:** Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find something good in everything, for we are never really alone.

**One:** God's goodness sometimes seems to be a trickle, sometimes pulsing spurts, and sometimes a mighty flood. But always God is with us.

**All:** We worship you, O God, for your goodness. We praise and seek you in our songs and prayers. We offer ourselves to you because you are our God.

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**John and Carolina Friedhoff**

God has always been there for us, loving and calling us and calling us to be all that we can be. Let us tell God about ourselves, not leaving anything out.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Ever loving, ever living God, you have given us life itself and have asked us to be life-giving people in your name. But we, in turn, have cared more about ourselves and the comfort that we have than about your people in every place. There are people in our community who are left out of our thoughts and prayers, because our minds and hearts are too crowded with all the things that will make us feel self-satisfied. The world aches for peace, while we proclaim power to be more important. People on our streets go hungry because we make sure we are full before even thinking

**about them. God, give us the purpose that you gave the people of Jesus' time to be faithful disciples in your care. Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Do not fear, says the Lord,  
for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth!  
By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Anna E. Rosas**

### **THE WORD**

#### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Sandy Barrow**

May your Word fall into our hearts this day, O God,  
as breath comes out of dust,  
as water feeds rivers and fields,  
rich with healing,  
abundant, alive, and true. **Amen.**

### **CHORAL ANTHEM    Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Acts 7**

### **SERMON**

**Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**

**'Stephen and his Grave Consequences of  
Pointing Out that the People Are the Problem!'**

## **THE RESPONSE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Annie Castro and Alejandra Rondon**

Let us pray for the needs of the world saying,  
**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

God of all goodness, we give you thanks for the newness you give us each day. We thank you for your surprises, for the people you put in our paths to show us new dimensions of your faithfulness. Today we especially thank you for fathers and father-like figures who have guided and loved us throughout our lives.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

We thank you for all nations, for racial and ethnic differences, for the variety of languages, foods, and lands you have created.

Mold us into people who praise you for the marvels you set before us.

Help us not to fear distinctions but to embrace them as your gifts.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

Soften us, Lord, so that we are able to enter into another's pain. In this time of a social distancing, we pray for those who are lonely. In this pandemic, we pray for those who are sick and those who care for them. In this time of economic uncertainty, we pray for those who have lost their jobs. In this time of racial tension, let us be the first to admit we must change. When we are healthy, make us grateful.

When we are in need, help us to receive the care of others.

**Gracious God, hear our prayer.**

**And now let us pray the prayer our Lord taught us:**

*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**

**Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**

### **CALL TO OFFERING**

**Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**

### **PENTECOST OFFERING**

Each year on Pentecost Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. The Holy Spirit remains with us still, connecting us with *the church of the past*, continuing to inspire *the church of today*, and pointing us to *the church of the future*. Each year, this celebration is marked by receiving the Pentecost Offering which nurtures the faith of those who are the church to come – children, youth, and young adults.

40% of the Pentecost Offering remains with our congregation to support our ministry at Frances Tucker Elementary School to purchase backpacks for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Won't you contribute today? <https://bit.ly/3hCKIDI>

## 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](http://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

Rev. Martha Shiverick

## HYMN #643

## Now Thank We All Our God

THANKSGIVING

## 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re-joice-es;  
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa-ther and to Son and Spir-it now be giv-en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom heaven and earth a-dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev-er-more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.  
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT  
 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6





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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.

Sundays at 11:45am

Meeting ID: 931-409-506

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**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.

**Here are some stores where we have found the best deals:**

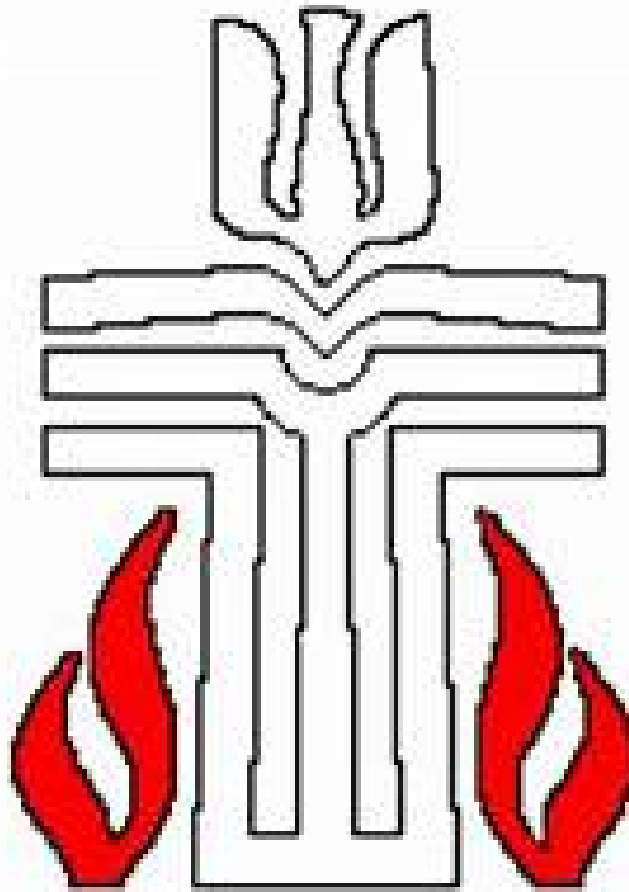
**Aldi:** saltine crackers, peanut butter, granola bars, family size cereal, applesauce, ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese

**Dollar Tree:** pasta sauce, ramen noodles, rice, dried beans, soup

**Target:** rice, dried beans, pasta, canned vegetables

**BJ's or Costco:** tuna, soup, ramen noodles

Donations can be dropped off at the church Fellowship Hall doors on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.



For those who are artistically inclined here is a sample of the PCUSA cross that you can use as a template, for others not so gifted you may use this cross for your Summer Picture - places you see God at work this summer. You can send pictures to [rivierachurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:rivierachurch@bellsouth.net) or post them on social media using the [#RPCGODATWORK](https://twitter.com/RPCGODATWORK)

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**Public Domain Hymn – Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

TEXT: John Newton, 1775, alt. MUSIC: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797, alt.

**Public Domain Hymn -- Now Thank We All Our God**

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt. MUSIC: Johann Criiger, 1647; harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840