



WORSHIP SUNDAY JULY 19, 2020
Christmas in July

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.**

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

GATHERING

JESUS CHRIST: BIRTH

134 Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re - ceive
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their songs
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na -
her king; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness
and heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
and heaven and na - ture sing,
and
sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.
heaven and na - ture sing,

While Isaac Watts did not write this text strictly for Christmas use, he did purposely cast his paraphrase of Psalm 98:4-9 in Christian terms, titling it "The Messiah's coming and kingdom." So "the Lord" here is Jesus Christ, rather than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.
MUSIC: Attr. George Frederick Handel, 1742; arr. Lowell Mason, 1836

ANTIOCH
CM with repeat
(alternate tune: RICHMOND, 266)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Kathy Stults

One: Christ was born among us!

All: God lives within our world.

One: Because of God-with-us, life is full of promise for you and for me. Life is full of promise for our community.

All: We celebrate today the presence of God's promise in our midst.

One: The promise of a small child coming into a crowded, hurting world, and growing to be a liberator.

All: It is the promise of you and me, struggling and stumbling together, growing and celebrating, reaching out to make a new presence in our world.

One: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Laura Fothergill & David German

Trusting in God's love made known in the gift of Jesus, let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION unison

Laura Fothergill & David German

God of wonder, you surround us with signs of your glory and surprise us with your presence, yet we often miss the marvels you place before us.

Forgive our dullness and make us alert to the ways you make yourself known, that we might be witnesses to your good news and proclaim your extravagant love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Laura Fothergill & David German
As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally. By the power of God's Spirit, forgive yourself and forgive others as God has forgiven you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

We are marching in the light of God; we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God' we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching, in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are marching in the light of God.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Kathy Stults

By the breath of your Spirit inspire us, that in the hearing of your Word we may be filled with new understanding and fresh desire to please you in all we do. **Amen.**

CHORAL & UKULELE ANTHEM

O Holy Night

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11

SERMON

Rev. Martha Shiverick

'We All Need A Little Christmas, Right This Very Minute'

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE **Rey, Barbara & Nicole Prieto**

God's light breaks through the darkness to fill our lives with grace and truth. This is the good news of Christmas and every day; that Christ came to show us how to walk the path of wisdom enlightened by your love. Let us pray for the world and our church saying,
Light of the world, shine in our lives.

Eternal Source, Divine Wisdom, we pray for all leaders of the world in this time of Pandemics of Racism and a Virus. May your justice guide them to govern with truth and equity for all.

Prince of Peace, we pray for all those who live and serve in medical facilities and places of unrest. May you keep them from unrest.

Spirit breath, we pray for the beauty of creation witnessed from the vault of heaven to the depths of the sea.

May your goodness stir up in us a willingness to care for the precious resources with which you have entrusted us.

Light of the world, shine in our lives.

Joy of every human heart, we pray for all who suffer sickness and sorrow. May your healing love find a dwelling place in our lives this day. Holy Comforter, we pray for those in need of food and shelter.

May your abiding presence shelter them with mercy as we build communities of care. Eternal Dayspring from on High, we pray for those who are dying and those who have died. May they find in you a resting place by springs of living water.

Light of the world, shine in our lives.

Oh Great Mystery, eternity entered time in your Word and our lives are embraced within the compassion of your Word. Open our hearts to the wonder of your love, that Wisdom may find a home in us and forever speak your praise.

We pray all this in Christ's name who also taught us 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

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

Lord Jesus Christ, your goodness to us is beyond the reach of our imagination, a fullness of love that embraces all of life.

From you we have received grace upon grace.

Accept our offering for the sake of the world.

All that we have is yours, and all we return to you is but a reflection of your love for us. In Jesus' name we pray. **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 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

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;



1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.



Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;
tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.



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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 after the worship service at <https://bit.ly/rpcsunday>. (Meeting ID: 829-1129-7119, password: 056833)



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.

Our Current Needs

Peanut Butter – Pasta - Granola Bars – Tuna - Mac and Cheese - Canned soup, fruit and veggies.

UNUSED Hotel size shampoo bottles – Toothpaste - Toothbrushes

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



Sunday Morning Adult Education Online

Via ZOOM

10:00 am - 10:30 am

This is a great opportunity to study Sunday's sermon passage with Pastor Missy.
Meeting 860-148-3445

Our July MISSION@THEMOVIES will be the Netflix documentary 13th. Watch the documentary on your own before joining the discussion group.

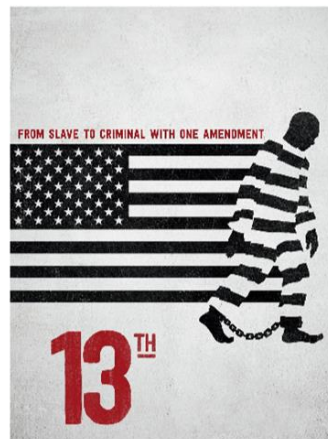
Mission News...

MISSION@theMOVIES - Systemic Racism

Documentary "13th"

July 22, 2020 - 6:30- 7:30pm EDT Discussion Group

Zoom Meeting ID and Password provided via email upon registration



13th is a 2016 American documentary by director Ava DuVernay. The film explores the "intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States;" it is titled after the Thirteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1865, which abolished slavery throughout the United States and ended involuntary servitude except as a punishment for conviction of a crime.

You can watch it on Netflix or on [YouTube](#) before the discussion event.

Ways to register: Eventbrite -

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/missionthemovies-13th-tickets-110851884972>

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1866979026778363>

Contact church office - 305-666-8586x3

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Joy to the World

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Siyahamba/We Are Marching In the Light of God

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Contributors: Anders Nyberg

O Holy Night

Type: Music; First Line: O holy night, the stars are brightly

Contributors: Jack Schrader

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Text: 77 77 with refrain; French, ca. 18th cent.; tr. from Crown of Jesus Music, London, 1862.

Music: Trad. French carol.

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