



**WORSHIP SUNDAY AUGUST 2, 2020  
SUMMER SERMON SERIES –  
THE BOOK OF ACTS  
COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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

## GATHERING

THE CHURCH

# 326

## For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine; yet  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
hearts are brave again, and arms are strong,  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864  
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE  
10.10.10 with alleluias

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

The second system of musical notation continues the treble and bass staves. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

The third system of musical notation continues the treble and bass staves. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

to stanza 4

The fourth system of musical notation continues the treble and bass staves. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The system concludes with the instruction 'to stanza 4'.

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR & WELCOMING THE LIGHT**

**WELCOME**

**Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Summer Interns**

One: Let us rejoice, for morning has dawned. A new day has been born, and we are newly alive to enjoy it.

**All: We know the beauty of God's creation and the wonder of the human family. We remember those whose love has shaped our lives and those whose ministries which fight for justice has empowered us to do the same.**

One: We gather in our online worship service to worship God, to share prayers and gifts, and to pledge ourselves to God's work in the world.

**All: May God bless us, so that what we do in this time together may be honest, sacred, and filled with hope.**

One: Let us worship God!

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Butch Sorenson**

What God asks of us is to remember the promise: that God will be with us and work in us. Come before God now, ready to be a part of all that is good. Let go of what keeps you from God's powerful call.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**So often, God of wholeness, we are a torn people.**

**We set ourselves apart based on differences, distinctions, judgments, and opinions.**

**We tear ourselves from within as we strive for independence and unique individuality.**

**We do not recognize our common longings for peace, for healing, and for deep meaning within life.**

**You come to us in reassuring love.**

**The power of your spirit blesses our living with hope and feeds us in joy.**

**In the unity of that Spirit we draw together to pray as your renewed children.**

**Refresh us now as we open who we are and who we may yet become. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The past is left behind;  
everything has become fresh and new.  
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:  
**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Anna Rosas**

## **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**

**Summer Interns**

Providing God, by your Holy Spirit feed us with your Word, that we  
may be filled with the bread of life. **Amen.**

**CHORAL ANTHEM**      **All Who Hunger**

### **SCRIPTURE**

**Acts 11**

### **SERMON**

**Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**

**'And They Were First Called Christians'**

## THE RESPONSE

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Claire Lardner, Cris Sweeny,  
and Sage

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,  
**O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer.**

God who hears us, holds us, and helps us,  
you are our eternal source of blessing.

You are our endless source of provision.

In your compassion, you see our need;  
you heal our sickness and satisfy our hunger.

Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need:

**O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer.**

For our sisters and brothers and siblings called by your name  
throughout the world,

**O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer.**

Bless your church and help us move forward in mission with you.

**O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer.**

For the healing and preservation of your creation in heaven and on  
earth.

**O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer.**

For the need of the nations - wisdom for leaders, vindication and  
relief for the oppressed -

**O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer.**

For those who are hungry, ill, vulnerable, or seeking refuge from  
adversaries and injustice,

**O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer.**

For all who need you, near and far, for those who are grieving the  
loss of loved ones, and especially those we now name in our  
hearts....

**O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer.**

We pray all this in Christ's name who also taught us when we  
prayed to pray in this manner:

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.*

**Our Creator, who art 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 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**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. **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](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*

## SPECIAL OFFERING OPPORTUNITY



### Frances Tucker Elementary School Backpacks

Riviera Presbyterian Church started a ministry in 2016 filling and distributing backpacks to the first grade at Frances Tucker Elementary at the start of the school year. We continued that ministry every year following the original class. This year the children are starting the fifth grade.



Frances Tucker Elementary is a Title One school where the majority of the children come from economically disadvantaged homes or are in foster care. Currently there are 52 children registered for the fifth grade so the need is greater than ever.

In the past we would have distributed backpacks to the congregation and asked them to be filled according to the list provided by the school. This year, because of the pandemic, that is not possible. The Mission committee has been collecting the supplies on the current fifth grade list when they are either available or on sale.



Each backpack costs about \$50 to assemble.



There is currently a donation line on the [GIVE](#) page for backpacks. Please consider giving \$50 per each bag that you would normally fill or whatever you are able to give towards the expense.

On behalf of the children at Frances Tucker Elementary, thank you.

## 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*



**PLEASE JOIN US NOW ON ZOOM TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**<https://bit.ly/rpcsunday>**

**INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO COMMUNION**

*Prepare a space for communion.*

*Light a candle and place it on your table*

*With bread and a cup filled with wine or grape juice*

*add any other items (bible or cross) that will make your table a spiritual and  
holy place.*

# 753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

## Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where  
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where  
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and  
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and  
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.  
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

G Em F#m Bm

un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let us pray.

God, we ask you to be present with us as we meet knowing that you transcend our physical distance from one another. You are not tied to time or space and you part the veil between us as we come together to share your holy meal. We know that we are only a computer or phone screen apart and that through this sacrament we are your body whether physically distanced or together. **Amen.**

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

At Riviera Church we practice open communion. You need not be a member of Riviera or any church to share in this sacramental meal. Communion is a tactile, sensory experience where we symbolically serve a meal that has been handed down to us from the ancient Hebrews at their Passover Table and adapted by Jesus as he shared his last meal with his disciples. You are invited to participate in this communion in any way that fits your faith journey at this time. Taste the love that we share together even in this time of worshipping online.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God, we thank you for this holy time, when even though we are separated by space out of our love and respect for each other, we have the ability to come together in other ways. You have called us to be your church, your body, your hands and heart, and although we dearly miss our community, within this virus we realize that you

call us to ministry outside our church building in the world you have created. We thank you for our appreciation of the little things you have given us in the beauty of the blue sky, the majesty of a sunrise or sunset, and the love we have within our families and friends.

Through your son Jesus, we have learned the great power of love and forgiveness. We live using Christ's life and ministries of caring for others as our model. And because of this we raise up our personal prayers to you at this time. Be with our community, those who are healthy and those who pray for healing. We pray for those who are grieving the death of loved ones in our community and in the greater community as well. Be with us and comfort us in this time of upheaval caused by the COVID virus, the economic downturn, and those who are feeling the pain of the institutional racism which also is a virus in our society. We ask that we be your arms, your hands, doing your work on earth and bringing your creation to shalom.

We thank you, God, for the gift of your Holy Spirit which brings us such comfort and allows us to know that you are always with us and we are held in your love now and always.

Heavenly Creator, we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine which are at my table and also at the tables of our homes. May they be for us a holy and spiritual meal where we feel your presence.

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE COMMUNION**

## **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Because the broken bread has meant our life, and the outpoured cup has meant our healing by your love, and because our common sharing of this meal has meant the communion of our souls and because we have been graced by your presence, God, we give you thanks and pray that our lives may be renewed in the life and love of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**Rev. Martha Shiverick**

### **PLEASE STAY FOR OUR VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR 'HOLY GROUNDS'**



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



### **Join us next Sunday Morning for Online Adult Bible Study Class**

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

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### **For All the Saints**

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TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864

MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906

### **Siyahamba/We Are Marching In the Light of God**

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### **All Who Hunger**

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991, GIA

### **Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

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