



**WORSHIP SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2020  
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE  
***Ordination and Installation of Elders***  
*Log on to Zoom after video.*



Good Morning!

Welcome to our online worship. We're delighted that you joined us today. 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 [www.rivierachurch.org](http://www.rivierachurch.org) WORSHIP page.** If you are joining us via Facebook or YouTube, 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.

**RivieraChurch**

## GATHERING

### OPENING HYMN

THE CHURCH

### 305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,  
3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,  
4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

The first system of music is in 4/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!  
em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!  
as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!  
For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

The third system of music concludes the hymn. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

TEXT: Brian Dill, 1988  
MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770  
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DARWALL'S 148TH  
6.6.6.8.8

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

### **WELCOME**

**Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Amparo Hernandez**

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

**All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Whether we are long-timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

**All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Let us Worship God!

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Susan Admire**

Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings.

In repentance, let us turn toward God's grace and mercy.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity.**

**We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and help us fill our hearts with gratitude.**

**Help us to share our gifts. May we ask once again for your mercy? Will you help us to be more merciful towards one another? We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

People of God, our sins are forgiven;  
we are reconciled to God.

Let us therefore love one another  
with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

### **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**

**Amparo Hernandez**

Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come, find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering to blossom and broaden until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the realm you are bringing. **Amen.**

#### **CHORAL ANTHEM**

**Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)**

#### **SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

##### **The Laborers in the Vineyard**

**Michele Ready**

20 “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, <sup>[a]</sup> he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>[b]</sup> <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you

have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’<sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’<sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.<sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”<sup>[1]</sup>

## **SERMON**

**Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**

### **‘The Fair Wage’**

## **THE RESPONSE**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Amparo Hernandez**

God, we pray for the needs of our world.

God, you hear our cries and our whines and you are faithful to us, so we come before you with our petitions for ourselves and our world.

We pray for our church and its leaders. We thank you that you have called each of us to be your hands and heart in the world and this morning we particularly thank our new officers as well as Karen Picciano and Kathy Stults who have served their terms on session well. We pray that all in leadership positions be of open mind and open heart so that through their particular ministries, the Riviera Community will be an instrument of love, justice, and peace.

Lord these past few months have been full on turmoil and we pray for our world which is in pain. Be with those fighting the COVID 19 pandemic, the institutional racism gripping and tearing our country apart, our economic turmoil, and the hurricane season upon us. Today peace feels illusive. We need to feel your close presence and to remember that you are with us in our times of need. We ask that you show us where our mission is in this day and in this hour. We pray all this knowing you hear both the voiced and the silent concerns filling each of our hearts.

We pray all this in Christ’s name, who also taught us 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**

### **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given work to do, blessed to receive more than we will even earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, as they already belong to you. **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*

## **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*

## **EXPLANATION OF THE OFFICE OF ELDER AND OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION:**

The Presbyterian Church has offices that lead the local church. Along with pastors, who are also called teaching elders, there is also the office of ruling elder. The role of elders is Biblical and people are ordained into this ministry of the church.

In ordination, the church sets apart with prayer and the laying on of hands those who have been called through election by the church to serve as elders. In installation, the church sets apart with prayer those previously ordained to the office of elder and called anew to service in that office.

This service focuses on Christ and the joy and responsibility of serving him through the mission and ministry of the church. All ministry in the Church is a gift of Jesus Christ. Members and officers alike serve mutually under the mandate of Christ who is chief minister to all. While ministry is one, specific forms of ministry emphasize special tasks and skills.

Elders are chosen by the people. Together with the Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of our particular congregation as well as the church at large.

Following the hymn, you are invited to participate in the ordination and installation service for Elders of Riviera Presbyterian Church class of 2023. I ask those who are going to be ordained and installed, to prepare themselves by donning the stoles which have the hands of the session on them.



# HYMN

GOD'S COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

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

*Leader or All*

G Am D G C G D

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.

G Em C Am7 D G

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

Am D G C G D

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.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

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?

*Refrain*  
*All* G C G D G C G D G

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

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

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

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

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.  
MUSIC: Daniel L. Schutte, 1981; harm. Alfred V. Fedak, 2011  
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HERE I AM (Schutte)  
7.7.7.4.D with refrain

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For the Purpose of Ordaining and Installing The Elders Class of 2023.**



**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS –  
SESSION CLASS OF 2023**

**Amparo Hernandez  
Susan Admire  
Michele Ready  
Bryan Page**

**QUESTIONS TO THOSE BEING ORDAINED AND INSTALLED:**

a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do.**

d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

i. Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

### **QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION:**

a. Do we, the members of the church, accept Amparo Hernandez, Susan Admire, Michele Ready and Bryan Page as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

b. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

### **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION PRAYER**

**God of Grace, you have called us to a common ministry, invited us to be ambassadors of Christ, and trusted us with your ministry of reconciliation. Grant your blessings on the newly ordained and installed officers of Riviera Presbyterian Church. Give them the ability to discern your will for us and the courage to act on their faith. And may all of us rightly follow where they lead us, so that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

### **GREETINGS BY THE CONGREGATION IN HOLY GROUNDS FELLOWSHIP**



Thank you for worshipping at Riviera today. Please take a moment fill out the Friendship Form on our website and share any prayer requests or joys which will be sent to our pastoral care team.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list please send us an email at [rivierachurch@gmail.com](mailto:rivierachurch@gmail.com).



**Next Sunday Morning You Are Invited for Zoom Online**

**Adult Bible Study Class**

**10:00 am - 10:30 am**

This is a great opportunity to study Sunday's sermon passage with Pastor Missy.

**Meeting 860-148-3445**

**Password: 2708**



**The Riviera Food Pantry**

**Current Needs**

Peanut Butter

Pasta Sauce

Granola Bars

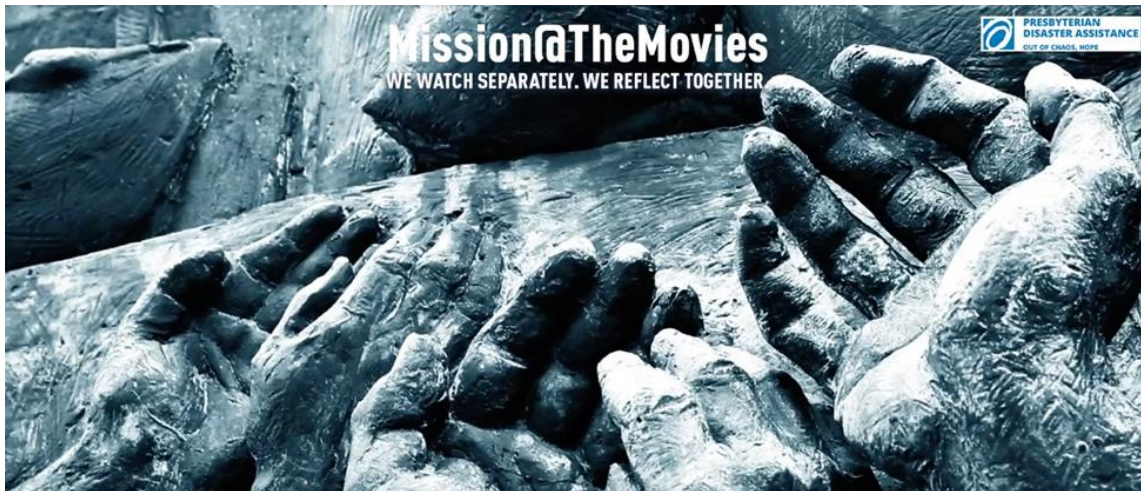
Tuna

Canned Soup and Fruit

Ramen Noodles

You may also send monetary donations via our [online service](#), via your bank's bill pay, or mail a check to the church.

--Thank you.



## TO BREATHE FREE

Join a Community Discussion on September 23.

**We Watch Separately**

<https://vimeo.com/225871896>

**We Reflect Together**

<https://bit.ly/3ltS21h>



Check out our [Instagram Page](#) daily in September for FAITH IN ACTION activities.

Through participation in the [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#), our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We began at the communion table on Sunday, September 6, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrated the peace we found there and committed to building a more just and peaceful world. 25% of the offering received will be donated for hurricane relief. 25% goes to mid councils to unite congregations to support peacemaking in our region, 50% of the offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



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**Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!**

Type: Words; First Line: Come sing o church in joy

Contributors: Brian Dill

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

#65063 Type: Words and Music; First Line: We Are Marching In the Light of God

Contributors: Anders Nyberg

**Lord, Prepare Me**

**Sanctuary**

[#119603](#) List

Type: Music; First Line: Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Contributors: John W. Thompson

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**I, the Lord of Sea and Sky**

Type: Words and Music; First Line: I, the Lord of sea and sky

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<b><u>Class of 2020</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2021</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>
Karen Picciano	Kyle Dettloff	Karen Collier	Susan Admire
Michele Ready	Vivian German	Barbara Overton	Amparo Hernandez
Kathy Stults	Rey Prieto	Susan Mazzola	Bryan Page
Vacant Position	Cris Sweeny	Mimi Sutherland	Michele Ready

Thank you to the Karen Picciano and Kathy Stults for serving serve this congregation with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.