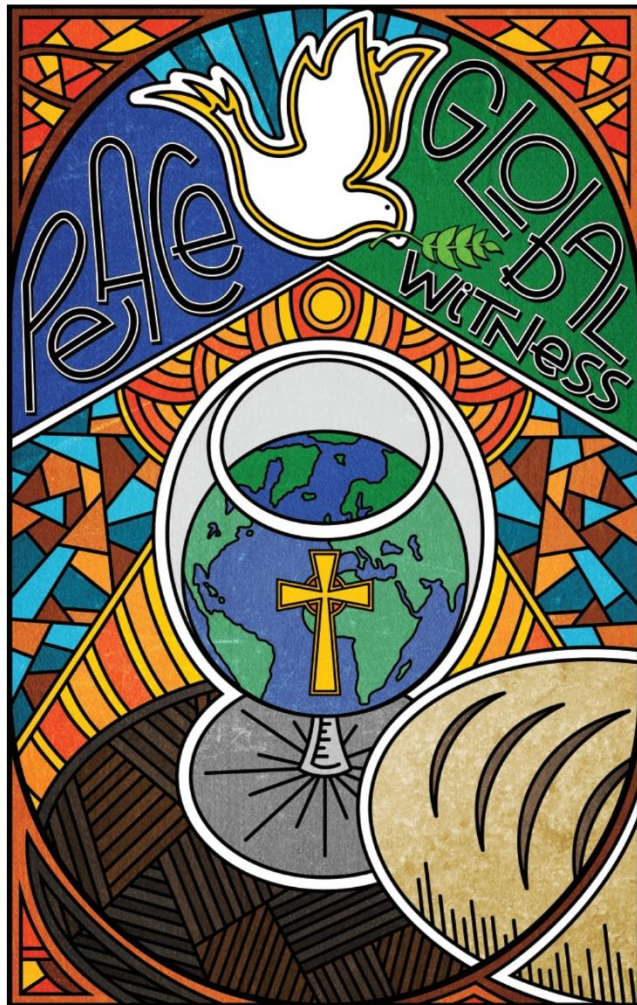




WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4, 2020



 PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Good Morning!

Welcome to Riviera's virtual worship service. 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 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

LORD'S SUPPER

516 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your
3 With the saints who now a - dore you seat - ed
4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
at the heaven - ly board, may the church still wait - ing
hearts keep watch and ward; in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

The author of this text, the editor of several Presbyterian hymnals, was the foremost American hymnologist of the early 20th century. Although some of his language in this text echoes early hymns of the church, he is writing here not as a scholar but as a person of deep faith.

TEXT: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924, alt.
MUSIC: V. Earle Copes, 1959

KINGDOM
8.7.8.7

CHIMING OF THE HOUR & WELCOMING THE LIGHT

WELCOME

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Stevie Padilla

One: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

All: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

All: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Fabian Carrera

Great indeed is the faithfulness of God, and yet our hearts are not so reliable.

We wander. We argue. We forget. We divide ourselves with anger and bitterness and falsehood. Let's try and come back together again, and let's start with the truth. Let's confess our sins to God and to each other.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: you have called us to one table but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us again. Transform us to servants of your righteousness, by the power of your son. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Even when our cups run dry, God's grace overflows.

Even when our plates are empty, God's generosity overflows.

And even when our hearts feel barren, God's love overflows.

Friends, you have been called and claimed by the God of all things, and by the abundance of God's grace, and by the power of God's love, your sins have been forgiven. Go in peace. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Anna Rosas

SIYAHAMBA

We Are Marching / Siyahamba

We are march - ing* in the light of God, we are
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya -

1. march-ing in the light of God. hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.
2. march-ing in the light of, the hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen, kha - God. khos'.

We are march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba,
light of God. nyen' kwen - khos'. We are march - ing,
Si - ya - ham - ba, march - ing, we are
ham - ba, si - ya -

Oo
march-ing, ham - ba, march-ing, ham-ba, we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku-kha-nyen' kwen-khos'.

*Alternate text: dancing, singing, praying

Text: South African
Tune: South African
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THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Stevie Padilla

Almighty God, give us ears to hear your story in these words of Scripture; give us eyes to see your story even in the faces of those we do not know; and give us faith enough, that by your grace, we might serve you until the end of our days. **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

I Come With Joy

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21: 33-46 Barbara Overton

SERMON

‘Landlord and Tenant Issues’ Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

THE RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Doreen Ruggiero

Lord God, with gratitude for all your goodness, we come to you in prayer. - For our family and friends, for our siblings in faith, and for the world which you have made.

Remember those who are dear to us. Wrap your steadfast arms around them, and sustain them in these troubling times: in sickness, grief, sorrow we ask that you keep them in your care.

God, be with our church as we do your work in our daily lives and in our missions here at Riviera. Help us to be an avenue to which people see and experience God’s love and good work as we imitate our Lord’s ethics and teachings.

God, be with our country in this wild time in our history. We are weeks away from an election, neck deep in pandemics of a virus and deep illness of racism. We are reeling from a hurricane season and insecure because of our economy. It seems there is so much pain right now and we ask you to show us how best to respond and be your light, your heart, and your hands to those who suffer.

God, as we celebrate World Communion, we ask that your presence be felt on our planet and the family of nations that cover it. Help us to live as one. Help

world leaders to work together for peace, for a sustainable planet, and for justice for all and not just their personal gains or agendas.

We pray all this knowing that even in these troubling times, you do not abandon us and that you are with us in our love and our actions. We need not look any closer than our breath to feel your presence.

We pray all this in Christ's name, you 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

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. **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*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please join us now on zoom to participate in the celebration of the Lord's Supper

<https://bit.ly/rpcsunday> | Meeting ID 829-1129-7119 Password 056833

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.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Printed in the following page

May the God of Hope Go with Us 765

Song of Hope / Canto de esperanza



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, fill - ing all our
¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz! Al mun - do en



lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad. Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da -



on our way, bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
nos tu luz, luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.



Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our joy with all;
O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos de tu a - mor.



work - ing for a world that's new, faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.
Lu - che - mos por la paz, fie - les a ti, Se - ñor.

This Argentine folk melody sets Spanish and English words, both created by a PC(USA) missionary with much Latin American experience. The two versions complement each other: the Spanish text offering a prayer to God, and the English one providing inspiration for the singers.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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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. We celebrate this World Communion Sunday knowing that you are not tied to time or space. 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 from each other and that through this sacrament we are your body when we are 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. We still feel bonded to each other and called to your ministry. You have called us to be your church, your body, your hands and heart, and although we dearly miss being physically together, we hear you calling us to ministries outside our church building in the world you have created. We thank you that within this pandemic we have learned to appreciate 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, our church, and our friends.

Through your son Jesus, we have learned the great power of love and forgiveness. We live using Christ's life and teachings of loving 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 within each of our homes. May the bread and wine be for us a holy and spiritual meal where we feel your presence. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE COMMUNION

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we gather at your table on line, able to be together from literally anywhere in the world, we pray that we also may be one in your Spirit. Knead us together in one loaf. Free us from jealousy and selfish ambition; unite us in mission and service to those in need everywhere. May we sow righteousness and harvest peace as Jesus taught us. Unite your church throughout the world in your sacred work of love and servanthood that your holy realm may come to be our reality. **Amen.**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**COMMUNION IS FOLLOWED BY OUR VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR
'HOLY GROUNDS'**



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.



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.

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.



Mission@TheMovies – October 28th at 6:30pm use the link below to register for the Zoom Discussion.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/missionthemovies-hunger-and-hope-tickets-122404564347?aff=ebdssbonlinesearch>

Unpack the important role that clean water, education, nutrition, and empowered women play in ending hunger.

Don't forget to check out the many upcoming October Events in THE SPARK

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For the Bread Which You Have Broken

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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

I Come with Joy

[#24458](#)

Type: Words and Music; First Line: I come with joy, a child of God

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May the God of Hope Go With Us

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