



**WORSHIP SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2021**  
**Communion Sunday**  
**75th Anniversary Conclusion with**  
**ZOOM Gathering**



Good Morning! Welcome to Riviera's worship service. We're delighted that you are connecting with us today in our digital sacred space; even when we're physically apart, the Holy Spirit unites us as one community!

**Let us know you worshiped with us this morning by filling out the Friendship Form located on our website's home page, [www.rivierachurch.org](http://www.rivierachurch.org). If you are joining us via Facebook or YouTube, please check in or leave us a comment so we know you are worshipping with us. Don't forget to keep checking our various social media outlets, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, for up-to-date information, find us @RivieraChurch**

# GATHERING

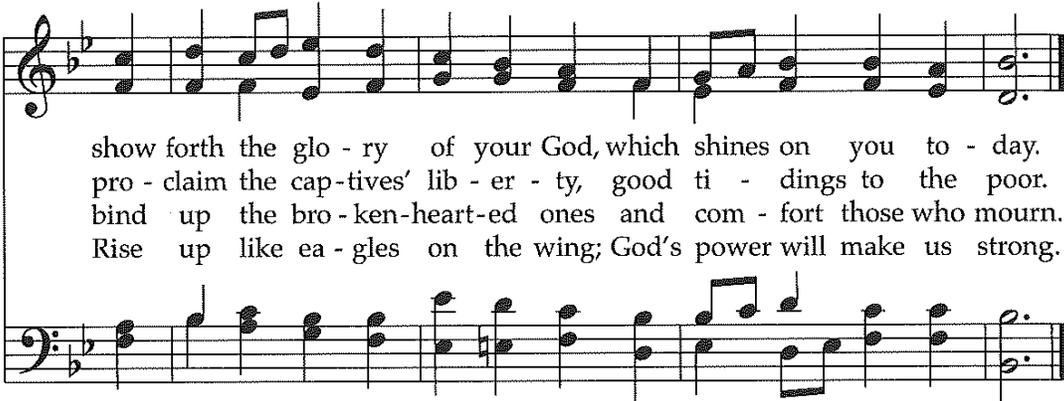
## OPENING HYMN

DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION

### 744 Arise, Your Light Is Come!



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tives' lib - er - ty, good ti - dings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Echoing imagery from Isaiah 61:1-2 and other passages, this text was created as an inclusive-language alternative to an older hymn using this late 19th-century tune. Because it is a song of encouragement rather than a song of praise, it is not directed to God but to people.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1974  
MUSIC: William H. Walter, 1894  
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FESTAL SONG  
SM  
(this tune in a lower key, 815)

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR & WELCOMING THE LIGHT

### GREETINGS

Rev. Martha Shiverick

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Lexi

Have we not known? have we not heard?

**Has it not been told to us since the beginning?**

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;

**they shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

they shall run and not be weary;

**they shall walk and not faint.**

Let us worship God!

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Jackie

We fool ourselves if we think

that our ways are hidden from God.

Therefore let us confess our sin,

trusting in the mercy of God, our Maker.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 145)

**God, you are everlasting,**

**the creator of all that is.**

**Your understanding is beyond measure.**

**We confess to you that we have**

**sinned against you and our neighbors.**

**In your compassion, forgive us,**

**for we place our hope in your steadfast love.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

This is the good news of Jesus Christ.

We can stand before God, not through our own goodness,

but through God's great kindness to us.

Rejoice and be glad, for God comes to you!

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Anna Rosas

# CHILDREN'S SONG

## God Welcomes All

399

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the song, and the second system contains the second line. The lyrics are placed below the vocal staves.

This "short song," as the Iona Community calls it, can be especially effective as a means of setting a welcoming tone for a service (especially an ecumenical one). Like most such songs, it needs to be sung several times, adding and improvising harmony with each repetition.

TEXT: John L. Bell, 2008

MUSIC: South African song; transcr. John L. Bell, 2008

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THEMBA AMEN

4.4.9

## THE WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Lexi

Holy God, speak to us  
what has been told from the beginning,  
that your Word is the foundation of the world.  
Help us to hear your message in this morning's scripture lesson  
so that we might reach out to many with your good news. **Amen.**

### ANTHEM

### Verily I Say Unto Thee

Dr. Walter Busse

**SCRIPTURE****Isaiah 40:21-31****Luke**

*Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup> It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup> who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. <sup>24</sup> Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup> To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. <sup>27</sup> Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.*

**SERMON****'Soaring on Eagles Wings'****Rev. Martha Shiverick****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER****Dylan, Dustin, Morgan**

God, as we end the 75th anniversary year of our church, we do so with prayers of thanksgiving for the past, with prayers of excitement for the present, and with prayers of anticipation for the future ministries to which you will call us.

God, we thank you for the good people who followed your call to discipleship and formed Riviera Presbyterian Church and led and shaped a ministry working for justice and equality for all people. We are grateful that you have called us to care for all of your creation and to be your heart and hands in South Florida demonstrating unconditional love. We give thanks for the former pastors, the former members, and the saints of this church now resting with you.

God, we pray for our church today. We thank you that you did not abandon us in this pandemic but called us to stay a community which meets the needs of our congregation, community, and your whole creation. We thank you for the staff at Riviera, the session, and the many volunteers who follow your call to ministry. As you have placed us at the epicenter of an environmental crisis, we ask that you guide us as to be good stewards of your creation. We thank you for all who participate in the Food Pantry Ministry so that we might help the food insecure, the collection of socks for the homeless, and for calling us to not be afraid to voice concerns over issues like gun safety, immigration, and human rights. We thank you for calling us into a partnership with Francis Tucker Elementary School so that we can make a difference in a young student's education. And we thank you for calling us to minister to ourselves in creating a caring and loving environment where all can experience the joy of Christian community. And God, we look forward to the future, confident that you will continue to call us as a people to live an ethic of love as we work to bring about your realm on earth. So, we pray in the manner that Jesus 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.*

**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 OFFERING**

We give thanks to you, O God, by giving our gifts, our tithes and our offerings. We sing to you with thanksgiving, making melody with our praise. Use these gifts to spread your Good News near and far, And to share your love with all creation. **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*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We Will Go into The Zoom Communion Service  
Meeting ID 829-1129-7119 | Passcode 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

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

## 43 You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord On Eagle's Wings (Psalm 91)

*G*  
*Leader or All*

1 You who dwell in the shel - ter of the Lord, who a -

*G* *D/F#* *F*

bide in his shad - ow for life, say to the Lord, "My

*Dm* *F* *Gm* *Asus* *A*

ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

*All* *D* *Em*

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings, bear you on the

*A7* *D* *D7/F#* *G*

breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,

*A* *Bm* *F#m* *Em7* *A* *Dsus* *D* *Fine*

and hold you in the palm of his hand.

*Leader or All* *G* *D/F#*

2 The snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, and

*G* *D/F#* *F*

fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der his wings, your

Although the body of this text is a paraphrase of Psalm 91, the refrain combines allusions to Exodus 19:4, Psalm 139:9, and Isaiah 40:31; 49:16. Written in response to the death of a friend's father, this piece has been a source of consolation to many people.

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MUSIC: Michael Joncas, 1978  
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ON EAGLE'S WINGS  
Irregular

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE

Dm F Gm Asus A  
to Refrain

ref - uge, his faith - ful - ness your shield.

G D/F#  
Leader or All

3 You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the

G D/F# F

ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -

Dm F Gm Asus A  
to Refrain

bout you, near you it shall not come.

G D/F#  
Leader or All

4 For to his an - gels he's giv - en a com - mand to

G D/F# F

guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will

Gm7 Am Gm7 Asus A  
to Refrain

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

## **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.

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.

With the power of the Holy Spirit we have answered your call and been your body called Riviera for the past 75 years.

We have been your voice, your hands and your heart working for justice and reconciliation.

We welcome all to our community.

And we thank you that 75 years later, you still call.

You send us to befriend the lost,

to serve the poor,

to reconcile our enemies,

and share your message of unconditional love and acceptance to a hurting world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor are yours.

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. May they feed us to continue the ministry of Riviera that others started before us. **Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE COMMUNION**

#### **THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Loving and gracious God,

from east and west,

from north and south,

you have gathered us at your table,

called us your beloved, and fed us.

Transform us to be your body for the world,

and fortify us by your Spirit,

so that we may serve you and our neighbors

with great joy. **Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**The Lord Bless You And Keep You**

**COMMUNION IS FOLLOWED BY OUR VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR  
'HOLY GROUNDS' IN CELEBRATION OF THE 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**



Thank you for worshipping online 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).



**Begin Your Sunday Morning with  
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**



Ukulele Rehearsals are the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month at 12:30pm.

If you are interested in participating, please send an email to:

[rivierapresmusic@gmail.com](mailto:rivierapresmusic@gmail.com)

**MISSION:SDG**

We continue our informative and faith-based look at the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

WHEN:  
**Wed. February 24th at 6:30 P.M.**

REGISTER on Eventbrite:  
[bit.ly/missionsdg](https://bit.ly/missionsdg)



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Join in the conversation on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – Mission:SDG  
Registration required. <https://bit.ly/missionsdg>

**Sunday February 7**

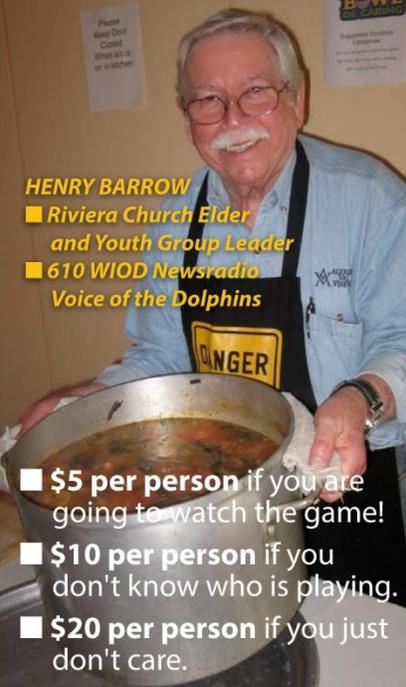
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**HENRY BARROW**

- Riviera Church Elder and Youth Group Leader
- 610 WIOD Newsradio Voice of the Dolphins

- \$5 per person if you are going to watch the game!
- \$10 per person if you don't know who is playing.
- \$20 per person if you just don't care.

Souper Bowl of Caring will be different this year, but the outcome is the same, helping those who are food insecure. You will be receiving a packet of soup mix this year to create your own soup recipe for Souper Bowl of Caring instead of having the soup prepared by the youth of Riviera. We hope you will join in the fun of making your soup at home and donating to this worthy cause. Our 2021 goal is \$400. You may use this link: <https://www.rivierachurch.org/give/> scroll down to Souper Bowl of Caring to make your donation. Thank you in advance for your support.

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