



WORSHIP SERVICE - FEBRUARY 21, 2021 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



We Believe – The Nicene Creed

THE CROSS WHICH IS ALSO A SWORD: A symbol for the Emperor Constantine and his successors because he called the ecumenical council which began the process of thinking which resulted in this creed; because he was the first Christian emperor and because he began the tradition of imperial Christianity. The cross is central here because the doctrine of Christ is central in the Creed.

THE BLUE TRIANGLE AND THE THREE SYMBOLS WITH IT: The doctrine of the Trinity formalized in the Nicene Creed.

THE HAND REACHING DOWN: God, the Father.

THE CHI RHO MONOGRAM: Christ - the first two letters of the Greek word for Christ, used by Constantine on shields and helmets of his Army.

THE DOVE: The Holy Spirit.

THE CROWNS: The rule and glory of GOD.

Good Morning! Welcome to Riviera's worship service. Today we kick off our Lenten Sermon Series on The Confessions and we are delighted that you are connecting with us today in our digital sacred space united 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. If you are joining us via Facebook or YouTube, please check in or leave us a comment so we may connect with you after the service. Don't forget to keep checking our main social media outlets, Facebook and Instagram, for up-to-date information, find us @RivieraChurch

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN

TRINITY

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! 52

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty,
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Words: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR & WELCOMING THE LIGHT

GREETINGS

Rev. Martha Shiverick

CALL TO WORSHIP

Karen Collier

One: People of the covenant: God does not remember us according to our sins and transgressions.

All: God remembers us according to God's own steadfast love!

The God of our salvation teaches us right paths and leads us in truth.

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness; we put our trust in God.

All: Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Susan & Christian Mazzola

Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION unison

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what for us has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.

Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ the light of the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the Good News! Hope does not disappoint us, for God's love has been poured into our hearts. Believe the good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, Thanks be to God.

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.

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

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THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Karen Collier

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so that we may repent and believe and see anew how time is fulfilled and your realm has come near. **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM Hear, O Lord, My Plea for Justice

SCRIPTURE - Matthew 16:13-16

13 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" 14 And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,^[u] the Son of the living God."

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - THE NICENE CREED unison

We believe in one God the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge both the living and the dead, and his kingdom shall have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

The Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

Lent #1 - We Believe - The Nicene Creed

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER **Kyle Dettloff**

Steadfast God, thank you for sheltering us in the storms of life. Thank you for ministering us through angels seen and unseen in times that test us.

Thank you for claiming us as a people beloved forever. Because of your great love and care for us, we trust you in our brightest joys and deepest needs.

We rejoice when dark clouds of trouble are overtaken by the light of your presence and new possibilities, when things settle down after a long time of tossing about, when the great storm is over, when the promise of resurrection life takes hold in us with sure and certain hope.

Hear our prayers, we ask for our world as we continue to live through this COVID pandemic. Give us the patience to stay safe as the months wear us down.

Hear our prayers, we ask for our country working to unify and be strong as one nation again. Help us to heal the diseases of racism and classism that plague us so that we work again for civility and the common good.

Loving God, in life and in death, we belong to you. So, in the midst of life, we entrust ourselves to your care. We are bold to ask for help when we are confused, lost, or afraid.

We are eager to ask for healing for our bodies and the bodies of those we love whether wounded, ill, or recovering. We desire to hear your voice of love, to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and to see you clearly. Lead us to serve others faithfully as disciples of Jesus Christ, 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.

**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

God of steadfast love and faithfulness, we are humbled as we try and do what is right and to walk in your ways. Receive, we ask, these offerings, and use them for your own good purposes in the church and in all creation. We pray in Jesus Christ. **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.

The 2021 Per Capita is \$37 per member. Each church is asked to pay this annual apportionment. If you would like to help us defray the cost, we welcome your donation. You may donate online <https://www.rivierachurch.org/give> under Per Capita.

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 & BENEDICTION

You are invited to Holy Grounds Fellowship Gathering via Zoom shortly after the worship service. Get yourself a cup of coffee or tea and reconnect with us at 11:45am – Zoom Meeting ID: 829-1129-7119 | Passcode: 056833

This is a time to reconnect with one another and if you are new to our worship service we extend an invitation to join us and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you!

CLOSING HYMN

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days 166

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.



Thank you for worshipping online today. If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out the Friendship Form on our website to let us know you worshiped with us today and you may also 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.



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 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month at 12:30pm.

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

rivierapresmusic@gmail.com

We kicked off January with the first Mission:SDG and it was a successful conversation started on the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals

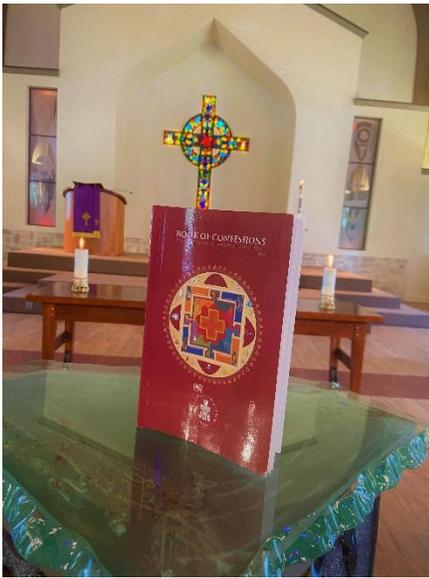


February's topic for discussion is people & poverty

Join in the conversation via Zoom on Wednesday, February 24th @ 6:30pm –
Mission:SDG

Registration required.

Register using this link - <https://bit.ly/missionsdg>



Lenten Sermon Series: A Season of Confession

During Lent we will focus on the Book of Confessions, containing historical statements of what we as a church believe; how these confessions have helped form Riviera's social justice ministries for the past 75 years; and how they are leading us in the present. Come and be a part of this journey through our history and rejoice in the light of God's presence and new possibilities in your life.

- February 21 – Lent #1 - We Believe - The Nicene Creed
- February 28 – Lent #2 - We Believe - The Apostles' Creed
- March 7 – Lent#3 – We Believe - The Reformation Confessions
- March 14 – Lent #4 - We Believe - The Declaration of Barmen
- March 21 – Lent #5 – We Believe - The Confession of 1967
- March 28 – Lent #6- We Believe - The Confession of Belhar

The practice of daily devotion during Lent emphasizes on deepening one's faith through study and prayer. I hope you find these devotionals helpful in your faith journey.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL LINKS:

- Lenten Prayers from Bread for the World 2021:
<https://www.bread.org/Lent>
- PCUSA The Presbyterian Hunger Program:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-for-lent/>
- Presbyterian Today – Shalom: The Way to Justice:
<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/lent-week-1/>
- Presbyterians for Earth Care:
<https://presbyearthcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2021-Lenten-Devotional-web.pdf>

If you missed Thursday's spiritual practice here is a link to the resources used:

<https://episcopalprayer.wordpress.com/lectio-divina/>

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