



## WORSHIP SERVICE - MARCH 14, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### **We Believe – Declaration of Barmen**

**THE SWASTIKA CROSSED OUT AND THE CROSS RISING:** A protest and witness against Nazi tyranny and any effort to take the role of God and control of the church.  
**THE FIRE:** The suffering and death which follows from defense of the faith against tyranny, as for some of the Barinen signers. But the cross survives such persecution and the crisis of war, rising out of the flames.

Good Morning! Welcome to Riviera's worship service. Today we continue with our Lenten Sermon Series on The Confessions and we are delighted that you are connecting with us in our digital sacred space united in 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 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

ADORATION

630

### Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all  
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the  
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the  
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the

na - ture, O thou of God to earth come  
wood - lands, robed in the bloom - ing garb of  
moon - light, and all the twink - ling, star - ry  
na - tions, Son of God and Son of

down, thee will I cher - ish, thee will I  
spring. Je - sus is fair - er; Je - sus is  
host. Je - sus shines bright - er; Je - sus shines  
Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -

hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.  
ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Franz Liszt used this melody for a "Crusaders' March" in an oratorio, but this hymn had nothing to do with the Crusades. No record of the German text exists before the middle of the 17th century or of the Silesian folk melody before the first half of the 19th century.

TEXT: Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; stanzas 1-3, trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850, alt.; stanza 4, trans. Joseph August Seiss, 1873, alt.

MUSIC: Silesian folk melody; Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

CRUSADERS' HYMN  
5.6.8.5.5.8

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR & WELCOMING THE LIGHT

### GREETINGS

Rev. Martha Shiverick

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Sandy Barrow

Sometimes worship is a parade, a celebration, a gathering of people expressing their joy.

**Sometimes worship is an adventure, a quest, a gathering of people searching for meaning.**

Sometimes worship is a funeral, a fast, a gathering of people seeking comfort in their grief.

**Among us today are people who have come to march, people who have come to search, people who have come to weep...**

Yet we all come to acknowledge God and to love each other.

**Come with open minds, open hearts, open arms, that we might find that for which we have come and that which also surprises us.**

Let us worship God!

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Becky and Kevin Fouche

Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude.

Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy.

Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love.

Too often we are alienated and separated from our better self, separated and alienated from God.

Let us confess our separation and alienation;

let us join together in the Prayer of Confession:

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God says to us, "You are my chosen ones. I love you, I am proud of you. Stand firm in your renewed commitment. Know that I have forgiven you; I call you by name; you are mine. I have entered into covenant with you and will stand by you in all times and all places. Dare to live fully the life to which I have called you." Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

Anna Rosas

### *Lenten Symbolism*

## CHILDREN'S SONG

# God Welcomes All

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The musical score is written for a children's song in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (F#4, A4, C5) and continues with a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: F#4, A4, C5, G4, F#4, A4, C5. The lyrics are: "God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line continues with a melody of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The piano accompaniment consists of chords: F#4, A4, C5, G4, F#4, A4, C5. The lyrics are: "God's love is strong and it nev - er ends." Both systems end with a double bar line.

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

Sandy Barrow

Almighty God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, open your word and illumine our darkened world, that we may see clearly and live faithfully by the light of your truth. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

Sandy Barrow

#### **Matthew 22:34-40**

*<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, ““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”*

**CHORAL ANTHEM**    *He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need*

### **DECLARATION OF BARMEN - 8.09-8.12, 8.18, 8.21, 8.23, 8.24, and 8.27**

**Becky and Kevin Fouche**

8.09 In view of the errors of the “German Christians” of the present Reich Church government which are devastating the Church and are also breaking up the unity of the German Evangelical Church, we confess the following evangelical truths.

8.10 1.     “I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one comes to the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6) “Truly, Truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ...I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” (John 10:1,9)

8.11 Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.

8.12 We reject the false doctrine, as though the church could and would have to acknowledge as a source of its proclamation, apart from and

besides this one Word of God, still other events and powers, figures and truths, as God's revelation.

8.18 We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions.

8.21 We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, apart from this ministry, could and were permitted to give to itself, or allow to be given to it, special leaders vested with ruling powers.

8.23 We reject the false doctrine, as though the state, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well.

8.24 We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State.

8.27 We reject the false doctrine, as though the church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of the Lord in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, purposes, and plans.

**SERMON** **The Rev. Martha M. Shiverick**  
**We Believe - #4 - The Declaration of Barmen**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** **Elaine Lanaris**

We are confident in God's love and mercy,

Let us pray for the world and for our needs saying,

**Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, your children walk by your light, doing what is true.

In every age you call forth people of integrity to lead your people in the way of righteousness. Help pastors, elders, volunteers, and teachers fulfill their calling; give them courage to speak truth in love and shield them from the temptation to misuse their authority.

**Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

God, your reign encompasses all the earth, though the nations may rebel against your justice. Save the nations from the wrath of their disobedience. Help all to dwell in peace and to promote the common good. For shalom to come to all,

**Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

God, you hear the cry of the sick, of those with COVID and those who have lost loved ones in the pandemic. Save them from their distress, heal them of their virus and its affects, and deliver them from suffering.

**Merciful God, hear our prayer.**

And now we also pray in the manner Jesus taught us to pray:

*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 kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Be in the Know – read the bulletin and see what events and ministries you are interested in making a connection.*

## **CALL TO OFFERING**

O God, we want to follow all your commandments - to love only you, not worshipping the things of this world; to love our neighbor freely, not desiring for ourselves anything they possess. Accept these offerings, we pray, and teach us to be generous, giving fully of ourselves that we may truly be the body of Christ in this 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 or use the scan me code below with your phone camera.**
- 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 AND BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING HYMN    **Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

*Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now I'm found  
Was blind, but now I see*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed*



*After the worship service you are invited to Zoom Holy Grounds Fellowship Gathering at 11:45am. 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!*

Meeting ID 829-1129-7119 |  
Passcode 056833



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](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)



We know that we will not be having the traditional Palm Sunday again this year.

In past years, we all enjoyed meeting out on the church steps and getting the largest palm branches we could find. We enjoyed waving them as we marched into the church sanctuary to the organ music playing as we sang our loud hosannas. And... alas, not this year.....

But, as we have found, being online does offer new possibilities. So.... we would like to make a video of your palms for Palm Sunday. Write a prayer on the palm of your hand and send in a photo of it. Please send in

these photos by March 21st.

Palm Sunday is coming, AND we will have a palm processional!  
A very unique and different one for a very different time in our world.

*Please send pictures to [robertson.adams@gmail.com](mailto:robertson.adams@gmail.com)*



## THIS EASTER SUNDAY Donate a Dade Pine!

- Donate \$15 per tree
- Our goal is 30 trees (\$450 for 2021)
- Recognition in Easter Sunday Bulletin + Video.

Order your tree(s) by March 28th  
[rivierachurch.org/give](http://rivierachurch.org/give)



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Having Memorial Easter Lilies is a tradition in every church I have ever served. People donate money to the church for an Easter Lily to be placed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday in memory or tribute to someone they wish to remember that day. The name of the person being remembered and the person who made the donation is included in the bulletin that Sunday.

**BUT this year...** since we will once again be worshipping on line, Easter Lilies are not needed. This presents an opportunity to be an earth keeper and donate a tree instead. A Pine Rockland Restoration is taking place in Gould's park, a high crime/low income neighborhood. The area is undergoing a landscape restoration and trees are being planted. For a \$15 contribution, you can donate a tree. Our goal is that Riviera will donate 30 trees for Easter. Please send your donation along with the name of the person you are memorializing in the Easter Bulletin.

### Ways to donate:

- You may use the scan me code with your phone camera.
- You may download the free Give+ app (iOS & Android)
- You may consider setting up online payment via your bank bill pay program.

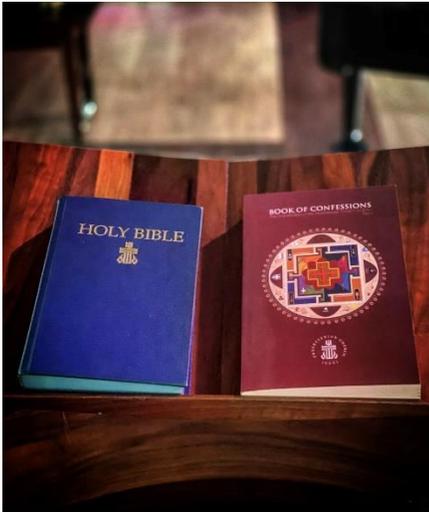
*If you are making your donation online, please use the memo/note prompt for the dedication.*

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SCAN ME

## Lenten Sermon Series: A Season of Confession



During Lent we are focusing on the Book of Confessions, which contains the 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

*If you missed a sermon, please visit our YouTube page:  
[youtube.com/rivierachurch](https://youtube.com/rivierachurch)*

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>

## Spiritual Practices During Lent

Riviera is inviting you to join us for 6 classes on different spiritual practices. Each spiritual practice explores a different way to reflect with God and to pray. Some practices will be more contemplative, and others will use your creative side. In the first half of the class, we will define the practice and learn more about it. For the second half, we will do the practice together, as a community.

Our goal is that these spiritual practices will help you reflect on this season and will help you on your journey with God. You don't need to come to every class each spiritual practice is self-contained! These practices are also suited for kids and adults with different modifications.

We will be meeting over Zoom very Thursday at 6:30 starting on February 18th and we will conclude on March 25th. If you have any questions or want to RSVP please email Anna at [rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com](mailto:rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com)



**WINTER STORMS**  
 Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is in communication with Presbyterian leadership on the ground in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The 3 programs supported by OGHS(One Great Hour of Sharing) – PDA(Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, PHP(Presbyterian Hunger Program, and SDOP(Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

The Mission Committee has set a challenge goal of \$400 for the 2021 OGHS Offering and in light of the challenges we have witnessed over the past year they encourage you give strong consideration of participating in this offering; if you are able.

<https://rivierachurch.org/give/>

You must register even if you attended previously

**MISSION:SDG**

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

DATE:  
**Wed. March 24th**

TIME:  
**6:30 P.M.**

REGISTER:  
<http://bit.ly/missionsdg>



**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**




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