



**RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE - MAY 16, 2021
11:00 am EST**



RECONCILIATION |

This sermon series defines the DNA of Riviera Church.

But we should never rest on our laurels as these issues are the issues of our day and the ones to which we are called as a Matthew 25 Church – by building a vital congregation who is working towards dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

GATHERING

OPENING HYMN #300 - We Are One in The Spirit

THE CHURCH

We Are One in the Spirit 300 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)
B^bm Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)
D^b Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)
B^bm Fm B^bm Cm Fm B^bm/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966
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THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

CHIMING OF THE HOUR & WELCOMING THE LIGHT

GREETINGS

Rev. Martha Shiverick

Welcome and thank you for connecting with us in our digital sacred space united as one community. **Let us know you worshiped with us by filling out the [Friendship Form](#) located on our website <https://rivierachurch.org/> Joining us via [Facebook](#), please check in or [YouTube](#), leave us a comment so we know you worshiped with us. You may also share any prayer requests or joys which will be sent to our pastoral care team. Don't forget to keep checking our main social media outlets, [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), for up-to-date information, find us @RivieraChurch**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RIVIERA MEMBERS JAMES AND CAROL

CALL TO WORSHIP

James, Carol, and Abigail

We come to worship today with songs aching to be sung, with words aching to be spoken, with questions aching to be answered, with feelings aching to be expressed, with hearts aching for love, with arms aching for embracing.

We begin worship today with wounds aching to be healed with emptiness aching to be filled, with joy aching to overflow.

Let your love soak into our spirits and our skin like a soothing salve and leave a tingle where once there was an ache, that we all may say, we have met with God today, and everyone was touched, and no one was turned away. **Amen.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Elaine and Matthew

Through Jesus Christ, let us be reconciled to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, you created the world and saw that it was good. Yet, because of our greed and consumption, we cut down jungles, we eliminate plants and animals. We are destroying the earth. We pray for wisdom and strength. Empower us by your Spirit to restore life for the dying creatures. **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

God of justice, you command us to establish justice for all. Yet, because of our self-centeredness and indifference, we let the gap between the rich and the poor widen; we do not have legal protection for migrant workers; we ignore children living on the street; we feel helpless seeing young men and women trapped in human trafficking. We pray for wisdom and courage. Empower us by your Spirit to strive for justice and share your abundance.

In your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of peace, you command us to love one another and live in peace with our neighbors. Yet, because of our closed minds, prejudice, and suspicion of difference, we frequently choose violence and war, we discriminate against minorities and the marginalized, we suppress basic human rights, we contribute to conflict amongst ethnic and religious groups. We pray for wisdom and humility. Empower us by your Spirit to embrace one another and walk peacefully together.

In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Tender and compassionate God sustain in our hearts the spirit of loving-kindness. Strengthen our work with neighbors of different creeds and beliefs, cultures, and ethnicities. Guide us as we bring healing to this earth and all its creatures. Preserve in our hearts songs of peace and rhythms of justice.

In your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

There is no greater joy in the heart of God than this moment now! For in this moment, we call upon God to grant us new life in the center of our wounded hearts. It is with great joy that God grants us new life and forgiveness of our sin. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven by grace! With great joy, we are made alive! Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Anna Rosas

CHILDREN'S SONG

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

By Donald Fishel

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give _____ praise to God's _____ name!

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THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Carol, James, and Abigail

Lord God pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

CHORAL ANTHEM

"La fille aux cheveux de lin"
(The Girl with the Flaxen Hair)

Guitar Solo Fabian

SCRIPTURE

Carol, James, and Abigail

Luke 10: 29-37

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii,^[a] gave them to the

*innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'*³⁶ *Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"*³⁷ *He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."*

FROM THE CONFESSION OF 1967

Michelle and Stephanie

9.31 To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to this call.

SERMON

Rev. Martha M. Shiverick

'The Prophetic Community Responds in Compassion'

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Michelle and Stephanie

Tender and compassionate God sustain in our hearts the spirit of loving-kindness. Strengthen our work with neighbors of different creeds and beliefs, cultures, and ethnicities. Guide us as we bring healing to this earth and all its creatures. Preserve in our hearts songs of peace and rhythms of justice.

And now we pray in the manner that Jesus did praying:

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 opportunities for ministry you are interested in making a connection with, events to participate in and classes to expand your faith journey in.

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Martha Shiverick

God has told us what is good; and what does the Lord require? To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. God, we present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God knowing, that every generous act of giving is itself a gift from God above. **Amen.**

The Act of Gratitude

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4. You may also mail in your check to the church at Riviera Presbyterian Church at 5275 Sunset Drive, Miami FL 33143



DOXOLOGY: AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH TO GOD

*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

MINISTRY & SERVICE

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 574

1 I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me (God can

use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y -

where.) I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me

an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work...

3 I'm gonna pray...

4 I'm gonna sing...

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I'M GONNA LIVE
Irregular



After the worship service you are invited to the Zoom Room for Holy Grounds Fellowship Gathering:

Meeting ID: 829-1129-7119

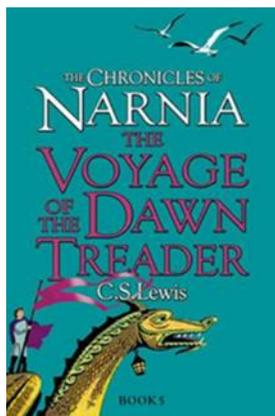
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<https://bit.ly/rpcsunday>

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



Thank you for worshipping online. Take a moment to fill out the **[Friendship Form](#)** on our website to let us know you worshiped with us. 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.



Youth Reading Group | Upper Elementary and up.

You don't need to have the book. Just log in on Sundays at 3:45 pm

Email Anna at rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com to obtain the Zoom information.

Are you ready to dig deeper into the scripture passage for Sunday's Sermon?



Begin Your Sunday Morning with Zoom Adult Bible Study Class

10:00 am - 10:30 am

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

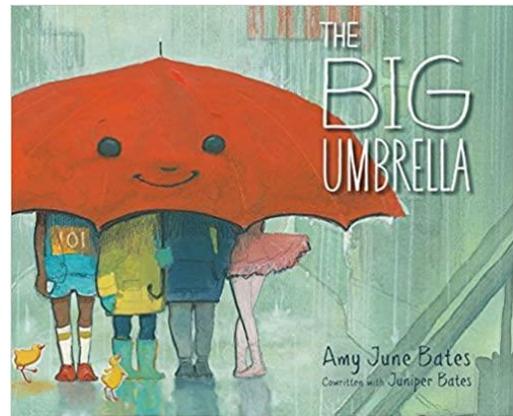
Meeting 860-148-3445 Password: 2708

May 23rd - Storytime

The Big Umbrella: a story about inclusion, hospitality, and welcoming

Sunday @ 9:00am Zoom Storytime with Pastor Missy & Friends

Sunday at 9:00am on Zoom.
Meeting 860-148-3445 ID 2708



Mission:SDG – Sustainable Developmental Goals



Join us for the next Mission:SDG on May 26 @ 6:30pm by registering on Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/missionsdg>



The Pentecost Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world.

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Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during



childhood helps ensure

lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come — children, youth, and young adults.



Happy 90th Birthday Nancy!

On this very special day of yours, we send you our best of wishes and our warmest of hugs. May this day be filled with all the happiness and love an amazing person like you deserves to have! Happy Birthday!

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Type: Words and Music
- **Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks** #22011Donald Fishel Words and Music

Public Domain Hymns

- **La fille aux cheveux de lin (The Girl with the Flaxen Hair)**, piano masterpiece composed by French composer Claude Debussy
- **I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me** #95386 Tune: African-American Spiritual Text: African-American Spiritual

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<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
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