



**RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICE - MAY 23, 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

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart 688

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;
4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.
5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling,
to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.
the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

TEXT: George Croly, 1867
MUSIC: Frederick Cook Atkinson, 1870

MORECAMBE
10.10.10.10

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

**Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton
and Rev. Dr. David Welton**

We have come to celebrate the birthday of the church.

We have come to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We have come to celebrate Pentecost and to open ourselves to God's Spirit that it might fill us.

Oh God, help us to put our selfish desires aside and direct our thoughts to you, that your power might fill this church community and our lives fully, just as it has filled churches and people throughout the ages. Teach us to be Your church and Your people.

Let us worship God!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dr. Walter Busse

Let us call on the name of the One who invites us to speak the truth about ourselves and our relationships and promises to show us mercy.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and ever gracious God, we confess that we have failed to open our hearts to the power of your Spirit.

We continue the divisions of Babel, speaking in tongues that confound rather than heal, separate rather than unite.

Though we are not deserving, we pray for the gift of community that confirms your presence among us.

Restore our fractured lives that we, with one voice, may ever give you thanks and praise. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People of God, body of Christ, we are siblings together.
The Spirit of God's truth has come upon creation and upon you.
Through the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the name of Christ Jesus, and by the authority of the church,
I declare to you that your sins are forgiven.
Be at peace with one another because of God's mercy.

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

**Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton
and Rev. Dr. David Welton**

Holy Spirit come again. As long ago you inspired, astonished, and confused people, come to us now. Fill our ears with the sound of your breath, fill our eyes with the brilliance of your presence in each other, and fill our hearts with your good word. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON - Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

Peter Addresses the Crowd

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

CHORAL ANTHEM Every Time I Feel the Spirit

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Barbie Prieto

Luke 13: 31-35

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me,^[a] 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when^[b] you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

THE CONFESSION OF 1967

9.43 In each time and place, there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

9.44(a) God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family.

SERMON - 'The Prophetic Community Speaks Truth to Power, and Confronts Difficult Situations'

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

Anna Rosas

You give us prophets, holy God, to cry out for justice and mercy. Open our ears to hear them, and to follow the truth they speak, lest we support injustice and seek to secure our own well-being. Give prophets the fire of your word but give them love as well. Though they are called to speak in your name, help them never to forget that they stand with us before you, and follow an ethic of love taught by your son who also taught us when we prayed to pray in this fashion:

**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, we thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit, sent to us to increase our compassion and to make us glad to spread the good news as we care for those in need. So, we enter into the discipline of giving of our tithes and offerings asking that the Holy Spirit works through us in your name.

Amen.

The Act of Gratitude

1. You may donate today with a credit/debit card at www.rivierachurch.org and click on the GIVE button or use the scan me code with your phone camera.
2. You may download the free Give+ app (iOS & Android)
3. You may set 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



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

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

291 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the
wil - der - ness, call - ing and free. Spir - it,
spir - it of rest - less - ness, stir me from plac - id - ness,
wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters; you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert; you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble; you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row; you break an - cient

deep; then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
sand; and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
hill; then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
schemes; from the bond - age of sor - row the

As the author/composer reminds us in the refrain, the Spirit is both gentle and restless. The stanzas reinforce a sense of the Spirit's activity through a wide range of verbs, initially in the past tense; but they become more urgent in the present tense of the fourth stanza.

TEXT: James K. Manley, 1975, alt.
MUSIC: James K. Manley, 1976
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SPIRIT
Irregular

GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

E A D G

val - leys of sleep; and o - ver the e -
 law and a land. When they were con - found -
 whole world was still. And down in the cit -
 cap - tives dream dreams. Our wom - en see vi -

A G D

ons you called to each thing, "A -
 ed with i - dols and lies, then you
 y, you called once a - gain when you
 sions; our men clear their eyes. With

Bm G

wake from your slum - bers and
 spoke through your proph - ets to
 blew through your peo - ple on the
 bold new de - ci - sions your

A D G/A D A to Refrain

rise on your wings."
 o - pen their eyes.
 rush of the wind.
 peo - ple a - rise.

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

Meeting ID: 829-1129-7119

Passcode: 056833

<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!



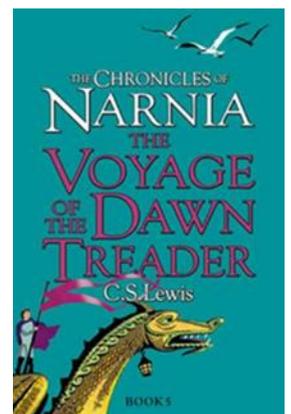
Thank you for worshipping online. Take a moment to fill out the [Friendship Form](#) on our website to let us know you worshiped with us. You may also share any prayer requests or joys which will be sent to our pastoral care team. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send us an email at rivierachurch@gmail.com.



Ukulele Rehearsal today at 12:30pm

If you are interested in learning how to play the ukulele and be in the Riviera Ukulele Ensemble, please email Dr. Walter Busse at rivierapresmusic@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

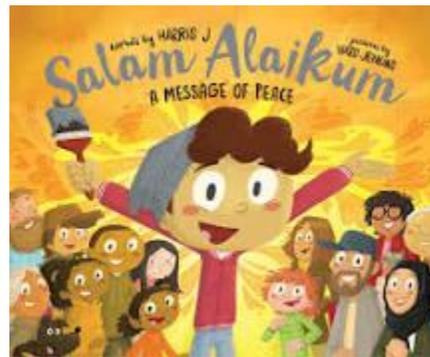
This is a great opportunity to study Sunday's sermon liturgy with Pastor Missy.

Meeting 860-148-3445

Password: 2708



May 30th – Final Storytime Event
Salam Alaikum: A Message of Peace
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.

40% of the offering received will be used towards our summer intern program and to purchase books for the library at Frances Tucker Elementary

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All the People

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