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**Welcome! – Riviera Church is an unapologetically progressive community in the Presbyterian Church (USA).**

**We are a family church** where families come in all compositions.

**We are a thinking church** that wrestles with faith issues confronting our society today and strives to make our faith personally relevant and meaningful.

**We are a mission-driven church** that, since the civil rights movement, has worked for justice and peace for all God's children.

In our worship, our education, and our mission we strive that all will know they all are loved unconditionally.



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## **Ministry Statement**

- We engage with each other in joyful worship and thoughtful education;
  - We dedicate our resources and talents to God's work;
  - And we open our hearts in active mission to others.
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- *We celebrate The Lord's Supper the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome at the table.*
  - *Nursery Care –infant through toddlers- is available during worship. Our nursery attendant Josephine will be in the Welcome Area/Narthex to greet you.*
  - *Hearing devices, large print bulletins and hymnals are available, please ask an usher.*
  - *Restrooms are accessible by the ramp in the Sanctuary. Follow the signs. Changing tables are in both the restrooms.*
  - *We want to serve you. If you have a ministry need please contact Pastoral Care Committee Co-Chair Karen at [kc33134@aol.com](mailto:kc33134@aol.com).*
  - *For prayer requests please email [bfah@me.com](mailto:bfah@me.com)*
  - *Riviera Presbyterian Church is a proud member of these organizations and a Matthew 25 congregation.*



**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS



**MATTHEW 25**

“Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities.”  
**([www.pcusa.org/matthew25](http://www.pcusa.org/matthew25))**

**RIVIERA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
ORDINATION & INSTALLATION SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2021  
11:00 AM**

**GATHERING**

*We ask all who are attending "in person" worship to keep your mask on as a visible expression of "loving your neighbor as yourself."*

*Please note that this service is being broadcasted via live stream and digitally recorded.*

**CHIMING THE HOUR &  
WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**PRELUDE      Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

*(Please use the prelude as a time to quiet your spirit and prepare for worship.)*

**WELCOME**

**Rev. Dr. David Welton**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Elder Butch Sorenson**

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

**All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Whether we are long-timers or latecomers in the life of faith,

**All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: Let us worship God!

# OPENING HYMN #644

## Give Thanks, O Christian People (verses 1,4)

THANKSGIVING

### Give Thanks, O Christian People 644

1 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for work-ers of our day  
2 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for lead - ers of our years  
3 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for all who love the Lord,  
4 Give thanks, O Chris-tian peo - ple, for life in fel - low - ship

who heed the call to ser - vice and make it their life's way  
who live to share with oth - ers our joy when Christ ap - pears,  
who live each day be - liev - ing in God's e - ter - nal Word;  
with all who trust our Sav - ior their serv - ing to e - quip:

to go to feed the hun - gry, to tend to those in need,  
to teach the ones who seek light, to guide the fal - tering feet,  
to share Christ's love in liv - ing, to wit - ness with each deed,  
to ease an - oth - er's bur - dens, to cope in joy and stress,

to work for e - qual jus - tice, till all God's folk are freed,  
to lead the fol - lowers for - ward our liv - ing Lord to meet,  
to use the tal - ents giv - en to plant the gos - pel seed,  
to mag - ni - fy God's mes - sage and Christ's great love con - fess.

This text was written by a Presbyterian director of Christian education in Washington, DC, to honor the ministry of a colleague who was leaving the area. It is an effective reminder that God's people serve in many vocations and ministries. The tune adapts a secular German song.

TEXT: Mary Jackson Cathey, 1984

MUSIC: Memmingen ms., 17th cent.; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

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## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

**Elder Alejandra Rondon**

Because we do not always live our lives in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, we confess before God and one another our sins and shortcomings.

In repentance, let us turn toward God's grace and mercy.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity.**

**We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and help us fill our hearts with gratitude.**

**Help us to share our gifts. We ask once again for your mercy. And in response, help us to be more merciful towards one another. We pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

People of God, our sins are forgiven; we are reconciled to God. Let us therefore love one another with gratitude in our hearts and praise on our lips.

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton**

## **CHILDREN'S SONG #853**

**We are Marching in the Light of God**

*Children may now follow Anna to Sunday School.*

## THE WORD

### CHORAL ANTHEM Take My Life

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Elder Laura Fothergill**

Overwhelm us with your Spirit, O God, that the words we hear will speak to our hearts as your Word, made known to us in Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE

**Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13**

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift.*

*<sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

One: The word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

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## **SERMON**

**Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton  
'Equipping the Saints'**

### **THE RESPONSE**

#### **STATEMENT ON ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism, and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit. This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord.

Within the community of the Presbyterian Church, some are called to particular service as Ruling Elders and as Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Elders are chosen by the people. Together with the Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, they exercise leadership, government, and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of our particular congregation as well as the church at large.

Ordination is Christ's gift to the church, assuring that his ministry continues among us, providing for ministries of caring and compassion in the world, ordering the governance of the church, and preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments. The church now ordains and installs Laura Fothergill, Elaine Lanaris, Rey Prieto, Alejandra Rondon, and Butch Sorenson to the office of Ruling Elder, and to active service on the Session.

#### **ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS – SESSION CLASS OF 2024**

**Laura Fothergill  
Elaine Lanaris  
Rey Prieto  
Alejandra Rondon  
Butch Sorenson**

## **CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS TO THOSE BEING ORDAINED AND INSTALLED**

a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

**I do.**

c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

**I do.**

d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

**I will.**

e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

**I will.**

f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

**I will.**

g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

**I do.**

h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

**I will.**

i. Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

**I will.**

### **QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

a. Do we, the members of the church, accept Laura Fothergill, Elaine Lanaris, Rey Prieto, Alejandra Rondon, and Butch Sorenson as ruling elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

**We do.**

b. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

**We do.**

## **PRAYER OF ORDINATION**

**Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your servants whom you called through baptism as your own and marked as your own. Grant them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Give them a spirit of truthfulness that they may show the compassion of Christ in the actions of daily living and rightly govern your people. Give them the gifts of your Holy Spirit to build up the church, to strengthen the common life of your people, and to lead with compassion and vision. And may all of us rightly follow where they lead us, so that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION**

Laura, Elaine, Rey, Alejandra and Butch, you are now ruling elders in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Elder Elaine Lanaris**

Gracious God, you have called us to prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, and asked us to make our requests known to you. We let go now of worry and seek your peace, which surpasses all our human understanding. We pray for our world. For places where conflict, disease and disaster threaten to overwhelm our sisters and brothers. Fill us with compassion and show us where our mission is in this day and in this hour.

We pray for our church and its leaders. We thank you that you have called each of us to serve as your hands and heart

in the world. This morning we particularly thank you for our new officers, and for Kyle Dettloff, Vivian German and Cris Sweeny, who have served their terms on session well. We pray that all in leadership positions be of open mind and open heart. Through their particular ministries, let the Riviera Community be an instrument of love, justice, and peace.

We trust that you hear both the voiced and the silent concerns filling each of our hearts. We pray all this in Christ's name, 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 community of faith and encourage you to use whatever words for this prayer are meaningful for you.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER unison**

**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.**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**Elder Elaine Lanaris  
Christian and Citizen Sunday**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Elder Butch Sorenson**

*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.*

## **CALL TO THE OFFERING**

God of the harvest, we are privileged to be counted among those whom you have called, graced to have been given work to do, blessed to receive more than we will even earn. Accept, we pray, our thanksgivings and offerings, as they already belong to you. **Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO GIVE TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

### **The Act of Gratitude**

- 1. You may donate today with a credit/debit card at [www.rivierachurch.org](http://www.rivierachurch.org) and click on the GIVE button or use the scan me code with your phone camera.**
- 2. You may leave your donation in the offering plate as you exit the Sanctuary. 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**

***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***

## **HYMN #298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission**

(verses 1, 2)

*Lord, you give the great commission; "Heal the sick and preach the word." Lest the church neglect its mission, and the gospel to unheard, help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity: with the Spirit's gift empower us for the work of ministry.*

*Lord, you call us to your service: "In my name baptize and teach." That the world may trust your promise, life abundant meant for each, give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: with the Spirit's gift empower us for the work of ministry.*

## **CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton**

## **POSTLUDE How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord**

### **Peace and Global Witness Offering**

**PEACE is active,**

not passive

**PEACE is doing,**

not waiting

As we work to share Christ's peace with one another, let's share that peace with those beyond our doors, beyond our communities and beyond our borders. **The Peace & Global Witness Offering** provides the tools and resources for us as we join together as active peacemakers – at all times, in all ways.

Please use special offering envelope inside the bulletin or donate online – see The Act of Gratitude in the bulletin for other methods to donate.



Take a moment to fill out the Friendship Pad on your table.



**Today we welcome to the Riviera  
Pulpit, Parish Associate for Visitation  
Rev. Rosemary Noga Welton**



Youth Reading Group  
Voyage of the Dawn Treader  
Sundays at 4:00 pm

email Anna for Zoom  
information  
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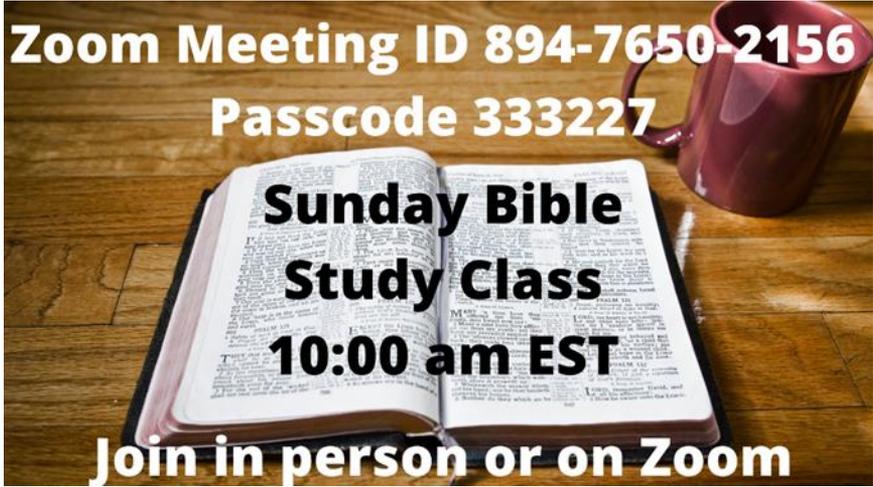
# PRAYER REQUESTS

You may share any prayer requests or joys below which will be sent to our pastoral care team. Please place your prayer requests in the offering plate as you exit or email it to: *bfah@me.com*

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Prayer Requests \_\_\_\_\_

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**Zoom Meeting ID 894-7650-2156**

**Passcode 333227**

**Sunday Bible  
Study Class**

**10:00 am EST**

**Join in person or on Zoom**

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**Mission Statement**

Riviera Presbyterian Church is a spiritual community that accepts and embraces all God’s children.

**Ministers**

**Pastor**

**Parish Associate for Visitation**

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**Director of Music**

**Youth Education & Outreach**

**Certified Church Administrator**

**Nursery Care Giver**

**Custodian**

**All the People**

**Vacant**

**Rev. Rosemary N. Welton**

**Rev. Dr. David Welton**

**Dr. Walter Busse**

**Anna Rosas**

**Barbara Prieto**

**Josephine Gurri**

**Mary Lopez**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Session</b>
<b><u>Class of 2022</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>
Karen Collier	Susan Admire	Laura Fothergill
Barbara Overton	Amparo Hernandez	Elaine Lanaris
Susan Mazzola	Bryan Page	Rey Prieto
Mimi Sutherland	Michele Ready	Alejandra Rondon
		Butch Sorenson