



Embodying Love | Demanding Justice |  
Transforming the World  
With Your Help

**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, education, and mission, we strive to know they are loved unconditionally.



@RivieraChurch

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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 on the first Sunday of every month. All are welcome at the table.*
  - *Nursery Care –infant through toddlers- is available during worship. In addition, 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 restrooms.*
  - *We want to serve you. If you have a ministry need, please contact Congregational 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  
FAITH 4 CLIMATE JUSTICE SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 17, 2021  
11:00 am**

**GATHERING**

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

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

***\*Please stand in body or spirit.***

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**WELCOMING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

**PRELUDE      Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

*(Now is the time to quiet your spirit and prepare for worship.)*

**WELCOME                                  Ruling Elder Michele Ready**

***\*Please stand in body or spirit.***

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP                                  Michele Ready**

One: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

**Many: But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"**

One: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

One: We may come here to get close to Jesus,

**Many: And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"**

One: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

One: We may come here for honor or fame,

**Many: But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"**

One: Why are we here?

**Many: To drink the cup of fullness of life; To immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace; To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.** *(inspired by Mark 10:35-45)*

**\*OPENING HYMN #5**

**God the Sculptor of the Mountains**

*Please be seated*

**CALL TO CONFESSION     Ruling Elder Susan Admire**

Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION unison     Susan Admire**  
**We pray for forgiveness this day. For choosing power over service, forgive us. For seeking glory rather than humility, forgive us. For pushing ourselves to the front, when our presence is needed on the sidelines, forgive us. Help us know where we are needed and how best to serve you and your people. Guide us to your side, that we might be your hands of healing and compassion for a world in need. In Christ's**

**name, we pray. Amen.** *~ Adapted from The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009, © 2008 Abingdon Press. Posted on the **Ministry Matters** website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON****Susan Admire**

Know that Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, hears our prayers. Know that this same Jesus hears and forgives us. Walk with lifted heads and bowed hearts. Go now as humble children of God, ready and willing to serve.

**CHILDREN'S SERMON****Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo****CHILDREN'S RESPONSE #647 Give Thanks**

*Children may now following Anna and Josephine to Sunday School.*

**THE WORD****CHORAL ANTHEM    Servant Song****PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION****Elder Karen Picciano**

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen. *Book of Common Worship (WJKP, 1993) 60*

**SCRIPTURE****Karen Picciano****Mark 10:35-45**

*James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."<sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?"<sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."<sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"<sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be*

*baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."*

*<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."*

One: The word of the Lord

### **All: Thanks be to God**

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## **SERMON**

**The Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo**

### **THE RESPONSE**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Ruling Elder Butch Sorenson**

God, we pray for you to raise up a generation of leaders with the courage to take responsibility for our changing climate, and the part we have played in it. We intercede for our politicians and leaders – cause them to act in the best interests of all nations today, and all peoples' in the future, in order to avoid catastrophic changes.

We ask for a generation of leaders who will be willing to act justly so that those who have contributed so little to the problems we are facing, and have fewer resources with which to face it, are not left to shoulder our burden.

We ask for you to fill the hearts of all who lead rich nations – give them your mercy and compassion on poor countries already suffering the effects of a changing climate. Just as they have been moved to cancel debt in the past, encourage them also to release funds so that poor communities can adapt to the effects of climate change, and develop cleanly. God, in your mercy, lead our leaders to truth, and transformation.

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 Butch Sorenson**  
**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 Butch Sorenson**  
*Be in the Know – read the bulletin and see what opportunities for ministry you can connect with, events to participate in, and opportunities to expand your faith journey.*

**CALL TO THE OFFERING Michele Ready**  
God of Grace and Mercy, you call us to be servants in your Son's holy name. While popular culture often diminishes self-sacrifice, we know that being a servant leader is a worthwhile calling. Help us to focus on the Christian practice

of hospitality by freely giving to others in your name. Accept this offering as a profound gesture of our desire to serve you today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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

**Michele Ready**

We respond to God's call by giving our financial gifts to further God's mission in the world. Now is when you can give your financial gifts to help Riviera continue its path of being a missional church.

### **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.**
- 3. You may download the free Give+ app (IOS & Android)**
- 4. You may set up online payment via your bank bill pay program.**
- 5. You may also mail in your check to the church at Riviera Presbyterian Church at 5275 Sunset Drive, Miami, FL 33143**





**\* DOXOLOGY**

Doxology

R. Avery & D. Marsh

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
here be - low. Praise God ye hosts in heav'n a-bove. Praise  
God the tri - ni - ty of love. A - men.  
A - men. A - men. A - men.  
A - men. A - men. A - men.

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**\*HYMN #315 In the Midst of New Dimensions**

**\*BLESSING OF THE BANNER & CHARGE**

**Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo**

**POSTLUDE All Creatures of Our God and King**

*After the worship service, please exit the Welcome Area into the west courtyard as we gather to hang the banner as part of Faith 4 Climate Justice Sunday.*



Don't forget to sign in the friendship pad on the aisle seat and pass it to your neighbor.

**Today we welcome to the Riviera pulpit, The Rev. Dr. Nedly Astudillo.**



Rev. Dr. Nedly Astudillo, a Venezuelan-American, is an eco-theologian and Presbyterian pastor working as GreenFaith Circle organizer in the state of Florida and Director for GreenFaith Latino-America. Nedly earned her Doctor of Ministry in "Greening the Church" from Drew University and co-founded the Angelic Organics Learning Center, a farm-based nonprofit organization in Northern Illinois, where people connect with food, farming and caring for Earth.

Nedly has taught eco-theology at seminaries in Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Bolivia and the U.S.; served as editor of the Presbyterians for Earth Care newsletter; has been published in Working Preacher and Earth and Word: Classic Sermons on Saving the Planet and is co-author of NCCC's God's Earth is Sacred: An Open Letter to Church and Society in the United States. In 2017, she coordinated GreenFaith's Convergence in Rio de Janeiro with Latin American multi-faith partners, a 5-day religious-environmental training program for emerging faith leaders from 18 Latin American countries and 19 different religious and spiritual traditions.



# 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 them to: *bfah@me.com*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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# This Afternoon



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

email Anna for Zoom  
information  
rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com



**Bible Study Class Sundays at 10:00 am**

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

**Passcode 333227**

**Sunday Bible  
Study Class**

**10:00 am EST**

**Join in person or on Zoom**

# Spiritual Disciplines



Join your Riviera Family on the 4th Wednesday of every month for a new class on the spiritual disciplines.

Each month Anna will lead everyone in a different way of prayer that you'll be able to practice on your own.

You don't need to come to every class since each spiritual practice is self-contained!

These practices are suited for kiddos and adults with different modifications.

We will be meeting over Zoom, so RSVP by emailing Anna at [\*\*rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:rivierapreschristianed@gmail.com)

The first class begins on October 27 at 7:00 pm.

## Let Us Worship Together

Join us for our first joint Sunday worship service with our siblings from New Covenant Presbyterian Church Sunday, October 24 at 11:00 am.

Rev. Daniel (Danny) Morales will be preaching at Riviera.

Join us as we welcome the members of New Covenant in person and online.

# Socktober!

Thank you for all those sock donations! Please keep them coming!



And don't forget to donate carry-on style luggage for the luggage drive for foster children.

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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 Noga 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