

**Richardson Park United Methodist Church**  
11th Sunday after Pentecost – Morning Worship

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**PRELUDE:** Summer Hymn Sing – Please call out your favorite hymn, number and title and we will sing the first and last verse of three choices

Welcome & Greeting each other in Peace

**\*OPENING SONG:** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” UMH 121

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, children of God. Come and find refuge and strength.

**People: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: Come, heirs with Christ. Come and find forgiveness and joy.

**People: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.**

Leader: Come, people of faith. Come to the one who is attentive to our pleas.

**People: Our souls wait for the Lord, more than those who watch for the morning.**

**OPENING PRAYERS:**

Source of faithful love, you redeem us from our wrongs. We come before you today, eager to be refreshed in body and to be made whole in spirit. Feed us from the living bread that comes down from heaven, for we are drawn to your Son as steel is drawn to a magnet. Build up our community of faith through the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may live as those who are worthy of our calling. Amen

Joys & Concerns, Naming those in need of prayer

“Let us hold these thoughts and names in our hearts as we sing our Prayer Song.”

**PRAYER SONG:** “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (Vs. 1&4) UMH 402

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Reception of Tithes & Gifts

**OFFERTORY SONG:** “Let There Be Peace on Earth” UMH 431

Presentation of Gifts: \*Doxology UMH 94

**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE:** **1st Reading:** Ephesians 4:25-5:2

**\*Gospel:** John 6:35, 41-51 Rev. Carolyn Williams

**THE MESSAGE:** “Imitators of God” Rev. Carolyn Williams

**CLOSING SONG:** “God Be with You Till We Meet Again” UMH 672

**POSTLUDE:** Improvisation on *God Be With You*

Let us depart in joy and take Christ to all!

\*Please stand as you are able at these points in the service.

*The flowers at the cross are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Muriel and Cliff Campbell from daughters Beth and Laurie.*

**Announcements & Events**

**Book Club** – On Thursday, July 15, we met at in the lounge to discuss “Too Good to be True”, by Carola Lovering. We had a very interesting discussion about the book. During the next month, we will read “The Four Winds”, by Kristin Hannah”. All are invited to read the book and join us on **Thursday, August 12th at 7 pm** in the Lounge at RPUMC. Expect lively conversation and good fellowship. Starting in September, we plan to move our meetings to the second Friday of the month. We have been holding our copies of the second book in Rev. Robyn Brown’s trilogy, “SAM. A Ghost Story” in hopes that we can have her join us at the church. Rev. Brown’s visit to RPUMC to discuss “Ben” was a book club highlight, and we are hoping that (in time), she will be able to join us again. Look for additional communication. Coming attractions will include “In a Book Club Far Away” by Tif Marcelo and “The Midnight Library” by Matt Haig. In addition, on October 22, 2021, at 7 PM we will visit the Chase Center to hear Min Jin Lee speak, after dinner at Iron Hill Brewery @ 5. Min Jin Lee is the author of “Pachinko” and her talk was originally planned for last April. Thanks, Paul

**Free Lunch** – Free Lunch program is continuing every Thursday 11:30 AM-12:30 PM. We prepare a hot lunch in a take-out container at the main door of the church. Each person also receives a ‘bag of blessings’. Our group of dedicated volunteers work on Wednesday mornings preparing food and the ‘bags of blessings’ to hand out. We are averaging about 60 meals a week. Contributions of items are always accepted. Some church members pick up meals and deliver them to family and elderly neighbors. Thank you for your contributions. ~Joe Tucker

**Grief Share** – COVID 19 has interrupted the way we do things in the church, but it has no power to interrupt how we are called to be the Church. Believe it or not, through the church God can use COVID for good. One of the ways I see this manifesting is the door God opened for RPUMC to partner with Mt. Pisgah and provide a much needed ministry, “*Grief Share*” is now online and is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life’s most difficult experiences. Don’t go through the grieving process alone. Our online group will have the final meeting of this Grief Share session on **September 8th at 7 pm**. You must register: <https://www.griefshare.org/groups/126159> on “Mount Pisgah UMC group” page. You’ll receive a confirmation email. Any questions or have trouble registering please call the office of RPUMC (302) 654-0961 speak with Pastor Carolyn or Jennifer Christy from Mt. Pisgah UMC at (410) 810-0110.

**The Shoppe at RPUMC** – The Shoppe is currently **OPEN** for shopping on Thursday afternoons only. You must however schedule an appointment; please give Sandy a call (302) 593-3395. Thank you.

**VBS** – Join us for an exciting quest at the 2021 VBS “Knights of North Castle” from **Friday, August 20-22!** Young knights will discover how God’s strength empowers them to accept the call to wear the armor of God as they live out a call for truth, justice, peace, and a life of faith in God. Games and crafts, with lots of fun, music, and Jesus along the way! Sign up today at [www.rpumchurch.org](http://www.rpumchurch.org)

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**What’s Happening**

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8**

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH

4:30 PM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – FH

**MONDAY, AUGUST 9**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 12**

9 AM – 11 AM – BMG – EXT.

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – FREE LUNCH

THE SHOPPE – SCHEDULED AFTERNOON APPOINTMENTS ONLY

*PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSION/OUTREACH*

7:00 PM – BOOK CLUB – LOUNGE

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15**

10:30 AM – WORSHIP AND CHILDREN’S CHURCH

11:30 AM – MISSIONS TEAM SCHOOL KIT ASSEMBLY – FH

11:30 AM – TRUSTEE MTG. – LOUNGE

4:30 PM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – FH

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Joan Stadelman, Barbara Sayles, JoAnn and Sam Guidry, Joe Tucker, Charlene Workman, Jerry and Mike Paoli and families, Colleen, Randy, Olivia and Gillian Ide, Gregg, Joy and Abbi Ide, Shirley Davis, Beca Baird, James Baird, Kim, John, Nick and John III Sagrati, Tyler and Becky Heatwole and Niko, Allie Heatwole, Al, Liz Heatwole, John Sagrati Sr., homeless animals, Amy Gould and family, Sister Morgan, Connie Pondok, Sean Short, Kim and baby Dakota, Jessica Etter and family, Felicia Etter and family, Julia Lynch, Crozier family, Anna Mae Shewbrooks, Dianna Deaton and family, Cherie Krebs, Shirley Delpizzo, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes, Lewis, Tomy-Sue and family, Jeanna Cisney, Don, Pat and Dave Goss, Lee Powell, Rick Pitell, Bob Truitt, Mary Alice Bear, Ed and Sandy Ide, Save and Sandi Swain, Carolyn and Clyde Nafzinger, Jim King and Casandra King, Carol Cathell, Barol Bolyard, Jim and Mary Tucker, Fred and Carol Tucker, Dick and Judy Tucker, Jim Jacobs, Avrnell Klepper, Bill and Marqueta Storms, Nancy and Vince Perugini, Carol Ewing, Shirley Snapp, Madison Stewart, Fantase Andrews, Yvonne Sadler and family, Gloria Williams, James Stewart, Will Stewart, Sugar King, Rebecca King, James King, Cassandra King, Franny and Marty Twardus, Bob and Mary Wherry, Elizabeth Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth and John, Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston Rogers, Troy Rogers, Grant Rogers, Church family, Melissa Jackson, Cindi Melrath, Barbara Vena, all affected by wildfires, flooding, storms, homeless and hungry families, first responders, law enforcement, travel mercies everywhere, Denise, Jim Smith, Tom, Barbara Przywara, Kevin, Melanie, Scott, Hayes family, Eric, Glenda, Sheldon, Ralph and Vicky, Gus and Carol, Donna Gerhold, Frank Pugh, our country, Rev. Carolyn Williams and family, Michael Doc and family, our youth, our church, our prayers

<u>SERVING TODAY</u>	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	8/1/21	43
GREETER: NEAL DAVIS	LIVE ENGAGEMENT AM WORSHIP		4
	SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>CHILDREN</b>		
	CONTEMPORARY SERVICE		4
	LIVE ENGAGEMENT PM WORSHIP		3

*About RPUM Church*

The first services were held under a large tree in 1907 at the corner of Belmont Avenue and DuPont Road. The first church building was completed in 1908 at Glenrich Avenue and Eureka Street. The church relocated to its current location in 1926, and the present sanctuary was built in 1950. Richardson Park United Methodist Church has had a long and distinguished ministry in the community dedicated to producing fruit that is pleasing to the Lord. This tradition continues today.

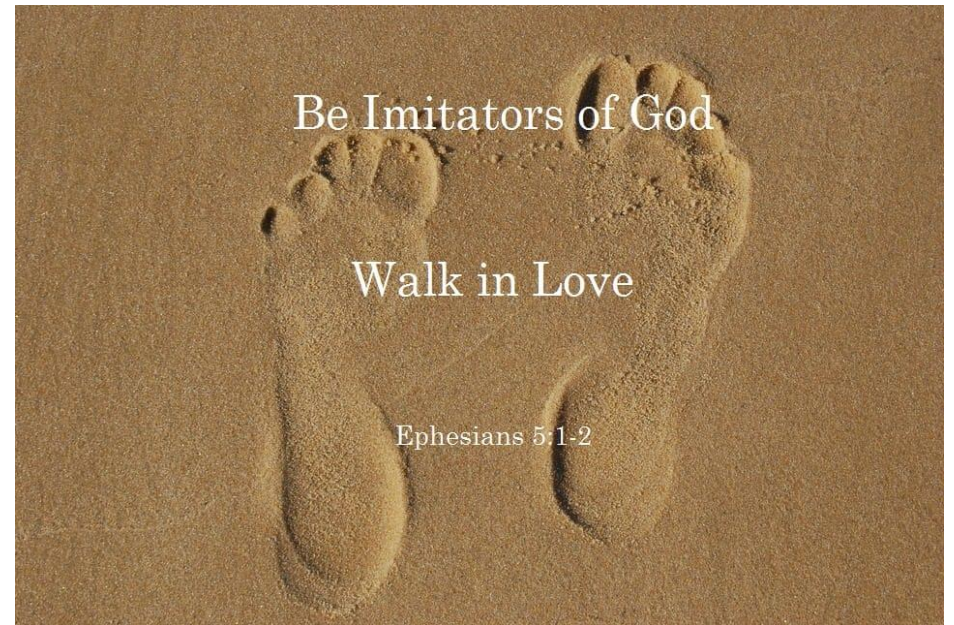
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## Richardson Park United Methodist Church

*Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry*

*The mission of Richardson Park United Methodist Church is to help people experience the amazing love of God and develop a vital relationship with Jesus Christ*

And He said to them,  
 “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”  
*Mark 16:15 NRSV*



*Welcome to RPUMC Worship Service*

*August 8, 2021*