

# Richardson Park United Methodist Church

16th Sunday after Pentecost – Morning Worship

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**PRELUDE:** “Adagio For Strings” – Samuel Barber  
(In memory of those lost in 9/11/2001 and since)

## Welcome & Greeting each other in Peace

**OPENING SONG:** “Lift High the Cross” UMH 159

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God. ....

**People: We celebrate God’s abundant and powerful love.**

Leader: Day by day, and night by night. ....

**People: God watches over us, loving and healing us.**

Leader: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

**People: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us your ways. AMEN.**

## OPENING PRAYERS:

Loving and caring God, we come this morning seeking wisdom and guidance for our lives. Open us to your words of life and love and truth. May we proclaim with our tongues what we know in our hearts. In this time of worship, help us more fully understand what it means to truly be a disciple, a follower of the way of Jesus, a follower of the path of wisdom. May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. 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:** “Be Thou My Vision” (Vs. 1) UMH 451  
Pastoral Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer

Reception of Tithes & Gifts

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** “It is Well With My Soul” UMH 377  
Presentation of Gifts: \*Doxology UMH 94

**TODAY’S SCRIPTURE:** **1st Reading:** James 3:1-12  
**\*Gospel:** Mark 8:27-38 Rev. Carolyn Williams

**THE MESSAGE:** “Small but Powerful” Rev. Carolyn Williams

**CLOSING SONG:** “O Maser, Let Me Walk with Thee” UMH 430

**POSTLUDE:** Improvisation on *Maryton*

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 altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my wife, Chandra Amarasingham, by Sath Amara.*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents, Richard and Alvretta Crozier.*

## Announcements & Events

**Book Club** – On Thursday, August 12, we met at 7pm in the lounge to discuss “The Four Winds”, by Kristin Hannah. We had a very interesting discussion about the book. During the next month, we will read “In a Book Club Far Away” by Tif Marcelo. All are invited to read the book and join us on **Friday, September 10th at 7pm** 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

**Peniel UMC Bible Study** – Pastor Greg Vickers from Peniel UMC has extended an invitation to Richardson Park to participate in his upcoming Bible Study beginning Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. It’s also being offered at 6:30 pm in the parsonage. The study will be of the book, “CREED” what Christians believe by Adam Hamilton. Books are available at the church and cost is \$13.00. For additional information contact the church at (302) 994-9519 or email: [penielumcsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:penielumcsecretary@gmail.com)

**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 at (302) 593-3395. Thank you.

**Christiana Care Visitation** – Restriction change for the Christiana Care (Newark, Wilmington, Middletown, and Cecil campuses) have had a visitation policy change. The new restrictions now allow 1 visitor per day AND 1 clergy person per day. You still must show proof of vaccination or a negative screening within 72 hours.

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## What’s Happening

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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 – GRANDPARENTS’ DAY

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN’S CHURCH  
11:30 AM – CIRCLE – EXT.  
11:30 AM – SPRC MTG. – LOUNGE  
4:30 PM – CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP – FH

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9 AM – 11 AM – BMG – EXT.  
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM – FREE LUNCH  
THE SHOPPE – SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS ONLY  
*PROCEEDS BENEFIT MISSION/OUTREACH*  
6:30 PM – CHANCEL BELLS – CHOIR RM  
7:15 – CHANCEL CHOIR – CHOIR RM

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

7:00 PM – KOINONIA – EXT.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE  
10:30 AM – WORSHIP AND CHILDREN’S CHURCH  
11:30 AM – TRUSTEES 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, victims of flooding in Wilmington, DE, Neal Davis, Rose, Joan, Lewis, Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Madison's family, Eric, Barbara Przywara, Tom, Jim Smith, Kevin, Scott, Devon, patience, our country and the world, Mike, Clyde, Gus and Carol, Ralph and Vicky, Donna Genhold, Frank Pugh, our youth, Cathell family, Norvell family, Sisk family, Kelly Hynson, Jim Peel, Tracy and Gene, Gary and Sue, Jeanne and Darryl, Guy Campbell, our armed forces, all law enforcement, fire fighters and emergency personnel, the United States, Israel, justice, liberty, all those abandoned by our leaders, Harriet Ann Van Boven, Shirley Delpizzo, Fred and Carol Tucker, Bill and Marquita Storms, Earl Carr, Mary Lou Boyce, Dianne Boyce, Carol Ewing, Bob Truitt, patty Green, Sandy and Dave Swain, Marvin and Betty Swain, Mary Alice Davis, Brenda Tucker, Jennifer Boyce, all affected by the wildfires, flooding, storms, earthquakes, homeless and hungry families, newborns and children, nursing homes, highway workers, our country leaders, our church leaders, Rev. Carolyn Williams and family, Michael Doc and family, Tracy, our church, our community, our prayers

<u>SERVING TODAY</u>	WORSHIP ATTENDANCE	9/5/21	50
GREETER: NEAL DAVIS	LIVE ENGAGEMENT AM WORSHIP		4
	SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN		—
	CONTEMPORARY SERVICE		—
	LIVE ENGAGEMENT PM WORSHIP		6

*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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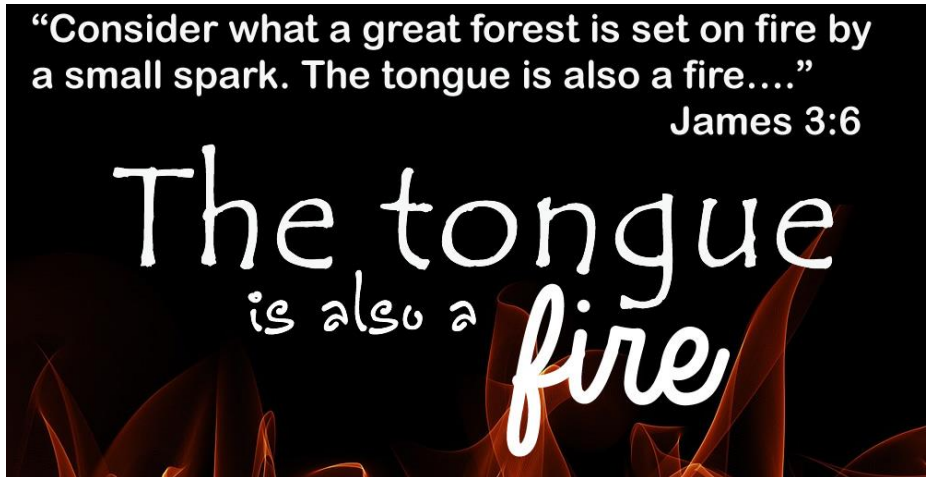
*Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry*

*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*

*September 12, 2021*