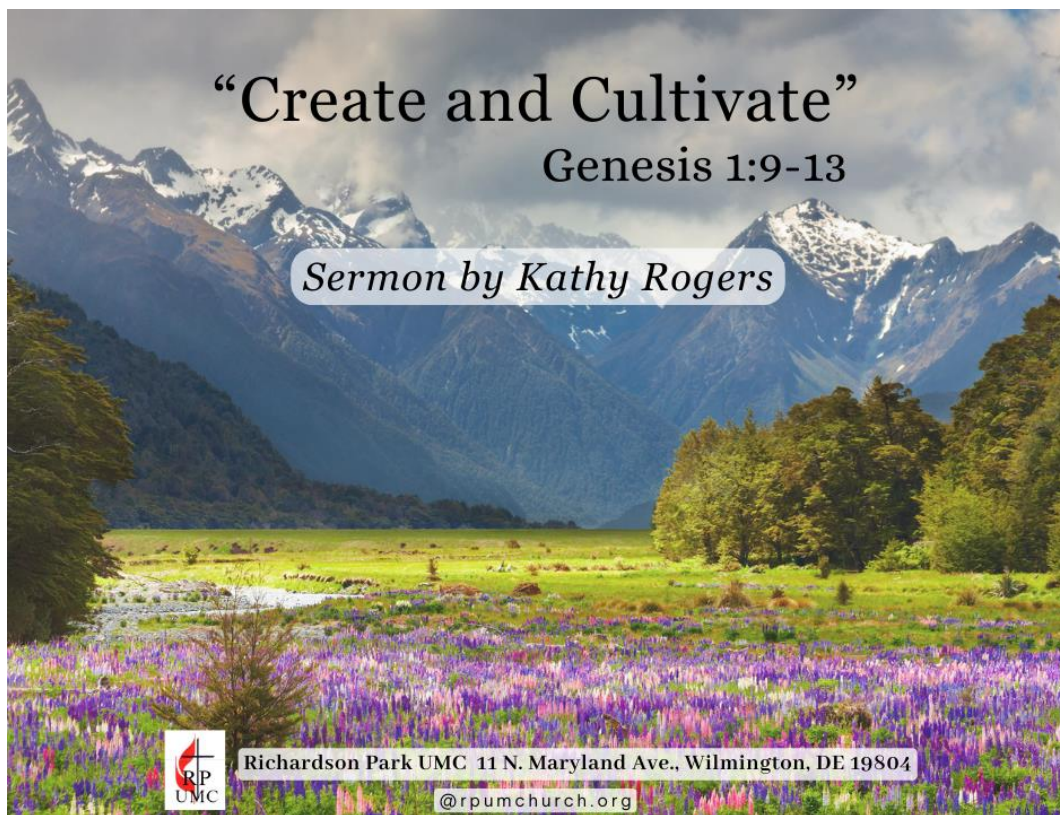




**Richardson Park United Methodist Church**  
*Celebrating Over 100 Years of Ministry*

*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*  
April 14, 2024

# Richardson Park United Methodist Church

*3rd Sunday of Easter and Native American Ministries Sunday*

## ENTRANCE

“Welcome to RPUMC! We greet you with the love and peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We are a church committed to God’s mission and purpose for the world.

We pray you are blessed in worship with us this morning.”

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CENTERING SONG

Rev. Dr. Karen Moore, Flute

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: “The heavens are telling the glory of the Lord; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.” (Psalm 19)

**People: All around us are signs and wonders, fingerprints of the creator. Praise be to God!**

Leader: “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it; the world, and all who live in it.” (Psalm 24)

**People: All around us we find life; all the created world is related to us. Praise be to God!**

Leader: Come, let us dwell in God’s work of art! Here in this wondrous world we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth...

**People: With the waters and the land, with trees and grasses, With fish, birds, and animals, with minerals and creatures of every form, And with all our brother and sisters. Praise be to God!**

Leader: God is good and everything God makes is good.

**ALL: Praise to the creator of all that is, seen and unseen! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN “All Creatures of Our God and King”

UMH 62

### \*PRAYER FOR CREATION

### NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES MOMENT

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PASTORAL PRAYER

### OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

### RECEPTION OF TITHES & GIFTS

### OFFERTORY MUSIC

Rev. Dr. Karen Moore, Flute

\*DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*SONG OF PREPARATION “Fairest Lord Jesus”

UMH 189

\*GOSPEL LESSON Genesis 1:9-13

Brenda Tucker

SERMON “Create and Cultivate”

Kathy Rogers

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “He Is Lord”

UMH 177

## THANKSGIVING

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## SENDING FORTH

\*CLOSING HYMN "How Great Thou Art"

UMH 77

\*BENEDICTION

\*CONGREGATIONAL AMEN

POSTLUDE "Great is the Lord"

Psalms 35:27

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## THIS WEEK

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 14 – NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

**SUNDAY**

**FH RESERVED**

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE

10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT.

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:30 AM – UWIF MTG. – EXT.

**MONDAY, APRIL 15 – FH RESERVED**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16 – FH RESERVED**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17 – FH RESERVED**

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18**

9 AM – BMG – EXT.

11 AM-2 PM – THE SHOPPE & ANNEX at RPUMC

**OPEN** for shopping *Proceeds Benefit Missions/Outreach*

11:30 AM-12:30 PM – FREE LUNCH – FH

**FRIDAY, APRIL 19 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

11 AM – KOINONIA MTG. – EXT.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE

10 AM–10:25 AM – FELLOWSHIP TIME – EXT.

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:30 AM – TRUSTEE MTG. – LOUNGE

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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Altar Flower opening – Altar flowers are available on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to place flowers on the altar in thanksgiving or in memory of a loved one, please contact the church office. The cost for two vases is \$30.00. Thank you.

Book Club – Our March meeting was held on Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the church. We discussed "Seventy Times Seven" by Alex Mar. We had a lively, very interesting discussion on mercy, forgiveness and capital punishment. We received our books from New Castle Reads, "The Violin Conspiracy" by Brendan Slocumb. This is the book we will discuss at our April meeting on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Church. We will attend the event with the author on April 30, 2024 at 7 pm at the Chase Center. We will meet for dinner at Iron Hill before the event. Coming attractions include "I Know Who You Are" by Barbara Rae-Venter, "The Senator's Wife", by Liv Constantine, and "The Guest List" by Lucy Foley. And if you would like to join us and have a book to share with the club, please let me know. A number of our recent books have come from your suggestions, please keep those coming! Thanks, Paul

Fellowship Time – Sunday Social has resumed and meets from 10 am until 10:25 am in the Extension

before morning worship. Join us for fellowship. We will have snacks, coffee and tea to enjoy. Donations of prewrapped snacks, if you are able to contribute, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, Dottie & Rose

Flower Containers – We love delivering altar flowers to shut-ins and they love the visit BUT we are in need of containers. I have found the 1 lb. metal coffee cans do work very well. Please donate these so we can continue this wonderful program. Blessings, Marlene

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 100 meals a week now. 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.

Free Bread – Peniel UMC has free loaves of bread available every Thursday 9am to 12:30pm, Friday 9am to 12:30pm and on Sundays from 11:15am to 12:30pm. Feel free to stop in to get a loaf or two. Come to the fellowship hall entrance located under the canopy on the parking lot side of the church.

The Shoppe – is **Open** for shopping on Thursdays from 11 am until 2 pm. Stop on by The Shoppe & Annex, grab a deal or two and be sure to tell your family and friends! Thank you everyone for your support! *Proceeds Benefit Mission/Outreach*

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Barbara Sayles, JoAnn and Sam Guidry, Charlene Workman, Jerry and Mike Paoli and families, Randy, Olivia and Gillian Ide, Gregg, Joy and Abbi Ide, Shirley Davis, Beca, Anthony and Kaiden DiGiacomo, James Baird, Kim, John, Nick and John III Sagrati, Tyler and Becky Heatwole and Niko, Dave Jones, Al Heatwole, John, Lauren and Luca Sagrati, homeless animals, Amy Gould and family, Sister Morgan, Connie Pondok, Sean Short, Kim and Dakota, Jessica Etter and family, Felicia Etter and family, Julia Lynch, Crozier family, Dianna Deaton and family, Cherie Krebs, Shirley Delpizzo, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes, Sisk family, Cathell family, Norvell family, Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth K., Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston A. Rogers, Troy Rogers, Grant Rogers, Theresa Gommer and family, Rick and Kim Polk, Brenda and Dan Dan, Ronnie and Hannah, border agents and families, military families, Jim Durkee, Harold Ritter, Roger Longest, Gaza/Ukraine people, first responders, all affected by bridge collapse disaster, all homeless and hungry families everywhere, all veterans, teachers and students, newborns and children, doctors and students, world kitchen victims, Taiwan earthquake victims, NYFD and NYPD, Philadelphia Police and Fire, Delaware State Police, Wilmington Police Department, Sandy and Dave Swain, Marvin and Betty Swain, Ed and Sandy Ide, Brenda and Joe Tucker, the Bossert family, Allen, Carole Harbaugh, Barbara Bossert, Haley DeJesus, Alizé DeJesus, Arrabella, Alexander Noel DeJesus, Matt Cruz, Eric, Wayne, Kate, Denise/Sherrie, Daimon, Heather, Michael, patience, Kevin, Przywara family, Hayes family, Cassandra King, Rebecca King, James King, Joey Markland, Steven Beaver, Stephanie Flowers, Tundra King, Richie King, Crinkle King, Reggie King, Darryl and Jeanne Remedio, Gary and Sue Pinkowski, Bill and Terry Suess, John and Donna Mahoney, Gene and Tracy Filliben, Millie Bradshaw and family, our armed forces, all law enforcement, firefighters and EMTs, the United States, Israel, justice, liberty, doctors and nurses, nursing homes and hospitals and staffs, all Veterans, World Peace, Janet Dickerson, all clergy everywhere, Terri Williams and family, Cheryl and Jim Chilcutt and family, all elderly and the homebound, children of our church, our prayers

SERVING TODAY

WORSHIP LEADER: BRENDA TUCKER

GREETER: MARIE WALKER

MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH, ORGANIST

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

4/7/24 44

LIVE ENGAGEMENT- WORSHIP

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

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*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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