



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

A large image of a tree with a split appearance: the left side is white and snowy, and the right side is green and leafy. The background is a sunset sky with butterflies.

“To Everything There Is a Season”
Genesis 1:14-19

Sermon by Pastor Chris Pennington

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Welcome to RPUMC Worship Service
April 21, 2024

Richardson Park United Methodist Church

4th Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE: “In The Image of God”

J. Peterson

“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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: For everything there is a season, King Salomon wrote. There is a time for everything under the sun.

People: God of all life, give us wisdom to be.

Leader: There is a time for flowers to bloom and a time when they wither and return to Mother Earth.

People: God of all life, give us wisdom to be.

Leader: There is a time for action and a time for reflection. There is a time to be passionate and strong and a time to be patient and content.

People: God of all life, give us wisdom to be.

Leader: There is a time to protest and offend; and there is a time to listen and understand.

People: God of all life, give us wisdom to be.

Leader: There is a time to mourn and be sad and there is a time to move on and look ahead.

People: God of all life, give us wisdom to be.

Leader: In everything you are with us; your saving presence surrounds us in Christ, our Lord.

ALL: God of eternal life, we give you thanks. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Morning has Broken”

UMH 145

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR CREATION**

Creator God, we know that love is the foundation of creation and all life, your love and ours. We know that all things are possible with love—that the least becomes the most important, the last becomes the first.

Yet we also know that we do not always love, especially in our attitudes toward earth. We are quick to pave over an empty lot, to build inexpensive homes on precious fertile lands, to use products that are not easily recycled and to fill our dumps. We waste water and paper from your trees. We want the biggest or the best or the newest when we already have all we need.

(silent confession)

Creator God, forgive us. Help us to show—more actively—our love for our earth, your earth, your precious creation. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, in the goodness of the original Garden, love was born; in the surprise of an Easter garden, love was reborn. May this love be born in our hearts, minds and bodies again this day.
Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)

RECEPTION OF TITHES & GIFTS

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***SONG OF PREPARATION** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" UMH 140

***GOSPEL LESSON** Genesis 1:14-19 Kathy Rogers

SERMON "To Everything There Is a Season" Rev. Chris Pennington

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** "In the Garden" UMH 314

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** "God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" UMH 150

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL AMEN**

POSTLUDE "Homage" John E. Boalt

The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Jim and Cheryl Chilcutt

THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY, APRIL 22 – EARTH DAY

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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 26 – NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 – FH RESERVED

NO EVENTS SCHEDULED

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9 AM – ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – LOUNGE

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

10:30 AM – WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

Altar Flower opening – Altar flowers are available for next Sunday, April 28th. 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 8th 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 12th 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*



TROOP 339 2024 SUB SALE

Orders due by **Sunday 5/12/2024**

Subs ready to pick up on **Sunday, 5/19/2024 @ 12P – 1P**

We are offering 8” Subs with chips and a water for
\$12.00

1 Sub Per Form Please

Please make checks payable to:
Troop 339

Name: _____
Phone #: _____

Mark All Items you want with an X

Sub Type:

_____ Italian

_____ Turkey

On Your Sub:

- _____ Lettuce
- _____ Tomato
- _____ Onion
- _____ Salt
- _____ Pepper
- _____ Oregano

On the side:

- _____ Pickles
- _____ Hot Peppers
- _____ Sweet Peppers
- _____ Oil
- _____ Mayo

Prayer Requests



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, Eric, Jerry, Hayes family, Przywara and Opalach families, Kate, Denise and Sherrie, Wanda, patience, Heather, Michael, Kevin, Carol, Dave and Sandy Swain, Delaware State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, newborns and children, girls and women, Gabriel, Lincoln, Katie, Border Agents and families, military families, Jim Durkee, Ed and Sandy Ide, Brenda and Joe Tucker, Harold Ritter, Roger Longest, all Veterans, World Kitchen victims, Taiwan Earthquake victims, Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth K., Brenda Willams, 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, all homeless and hungry families everywhere, teachers and students, doctors and nurses, Darryl and Jeanne Remedio, Gary and Sue Pinkowski, John and Donna Mahoney, Gene and Tracy Filliben, Millie Bradshaw and family, Don Moyer, Sam Rosado, Guy Campbell, our armed forces, all law enforcement, firefighters and EMTs, The United States, Israel, justice, liberty, Janet Dickerson, clergy everywhere, Cheryl and Jim Chilcutt and family, all elderly and the homebound, children of our church, our prayers

SERVING TODAY

WORSHIP LEADER: KATHY ROGERS

GREETER: MARIE WALKER

MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH, ORGANIST

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

4/14/24 44

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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