



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



Rev. Candy Miles, Pastor

Welcome to RPUMC Worship Service

“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.”

May 24, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE "I May Never Pass This Way Again" *M. Wizell* Janet Brush, Organist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Brenda Tucker, Worship Leader

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and worship the Lord God Almighty for his great and wonderful deeds.

People: Surely, he is worthy and greatly to be praised.

Leader: Come and give him the Glory! Bless him with thanksgiving and honor!

People: The Lord our God the Almighty reigns, and we will rejoice and exalt his name forever!

***INVOCATION (in unison)**

Eternal and Loving God, we thank you for the ministering angels you sent to watch over us as we slept until this morning when you awakened us to a brand new day. And while we have this chance, we gladly receive your presence into this worship service. May it guide us to what is good and right in your sight and encourage us along in our faith journey, so that always we bring honor and glory to the name of your Son and our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ. This is our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384

CALL FOR JOYS & CONCERNS WITH PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Miles

"THE LORD'S PRAYER" (in unison) UMH 270

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION Janet Brush, Organist

SOLO "More than Wonderful" Rev. Miles

OFFERTORY PRAYER (in unison)

Because you are the light of our salvation, O, Lord God, and we trust in your presence more than our own strength, we bring our tithes and gifts in the joyful confidence of our love for you. Use our offerings to build a world where your light leads and where we – your people – become living testimonies of your goodness. We pray this in the name of Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

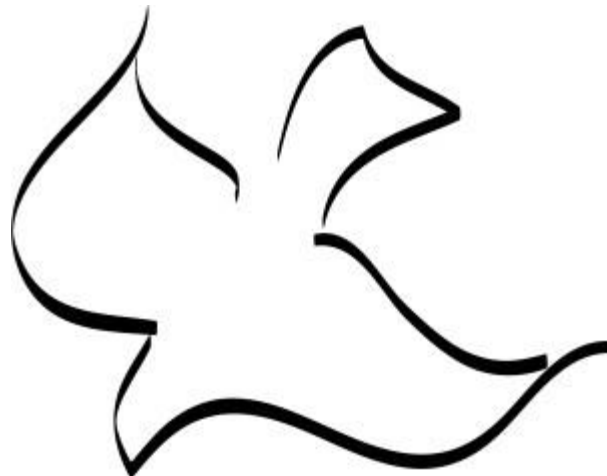
RECEIVING OF TITHES & GIFTS

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS	Old Testament: Joel 2:28-29, 32 Gospel: John 14:15-18, 25-26 New Testament Epistle: Galatians 5:16, 22-25	Brenda Tucker
SERMONIC HYMN	“Breathe On Me, Breath of God”	UMH 420
SERMON	<u>POWER FOR A PURPOSE</u>	Rev. Miles
PRAYER FOR RENEWED CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP		Rev. Miles
*CLOSING HYMN	“Be Thou My Vision”	UMH 451
*BENEDICTION		Rev. Miles
*CONGREGATIONAL “AMEN” & RECESSIONAL		
POSTLUDE	"The Lord Lives" Psalm 18:1-2	Janet Brush, Organist

The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and to honor all military personnel who died serving our country.

The flowers at the cross this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my mother, Evelyn Lynch, by Julia Lynch.



Prayer Requests



- Elizabeth C. Keeth, Pat Rodenhiser, Beth Kwaitowski, Brenda Williams, Susan and Ken Malone, Houston A. Rogers, Mark Rogers, Troy Rogers, Grant Rogers, Kathy A. Rogers, Robert Shaheen, Joann Armstrong, all farmers, all truckers, Gaza and Ukraine, all homeless and hungry families everywhere, military families, Gail Frazer, DE State Police, PA State Police, Pastor Anthony and Ann Arrington, students and teachers, all law enforcement, all veterans
- KC, Mia, Manda, Franny, Steph, Kortni, grandkids
- Preston, Sandy, Janet, Jen, Shanon, Karen, Gladys, Betsy,
- Myself, Ethel Trader, the church that burned down on 9th and Franklin streets, Cassandra King, Mia, Aaron, my son, Kenneth, my son, Lindsay and everyone here
- Shirley Delpizzo and family, Steven, Tonja, Natalie, Hillary, Sharon, Amanda, Mozes
- Eric, Max, Przywara Family, Hayes Family, Daimon, Gracie, Lang Family, Wayne, Devon, Mike, our country

<u>SERVING TODAY</u>	<u>WORSHIP ATTENDANCE</u>	05/17/26
WORSHIP LEADER: BRENDA TUCKER	SUNDAY SCHOOL	0
GREETER: MARIE WALKER	WORSHIP	32
MUSICIAN: JANET BRUSH		

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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A MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

We should think of Memorial Day (observed Monday, May 25, 2026) as more than the unofficial beginning of summer and a time for family get-togethers and cookouts. It is also a time to remember and be thankful that all throughout our country's history there have been hundreds of thousands of military men and women who have sacrificed their very lives in the fight against any and all opponents of freedom. It is a time to remember, to salute and respect all the soldiers, as well as nurses, doctors, engineers, chaplains, journalists and others who go with them and stand with them in the fight for what's right for all humanity – peace, justice and righteousness.

Theirs is an honorable cause – a struggle against unfairness, ignorance, pain and suffering in its various forms – a struggle to bring about an orderly and prosperous life for everyone. Don't we all long for the time when all of society is comfortable because there is no worry about oppression by some other nation? Don't we all long for the time and place where everyone is free to live at peace with one another in love, joy and good health where everyone is empowered with the privilege to have life and liberty, and to pursue happiness? Isn't it our duty as Christians to build up such a kingdom on earth that reflects the plan and purpose of our God in heaven? How might we show our willingness to turn our faith into action that honors freedom for the sake of others as well as ourselves?

In all our celebrating this weekend, please, let's remember to thank God for those Christians among us whom God establishes and strengthens especially to be military and spiritual warriors for peace, justice and righteousness. God bless America! And may America bless God!

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In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.