

Sunday July 3, 2022

9:30 AM

Prelude

Variations on *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* – Hopson

Opening

Welcome

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing — #590 (1-4)

Speak, O Lord — #755

Confession & Assurance

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less — #772

Thanks

Offerings: General Fund
and Sparrow's Nest

Congregational Prayer

God's Word

Children's Message

Children are invited forward and then are welcome to go worship in Greenhouse on the lower level.

Text: 1 Samuel 13:1-15, page 396

Message: "Short Cuts Cut You Short"

Sending

When We Walk with the Lord — #327

God's Blessing

Postlude

"Rejoicing" from *Fireworks Music* – Handel

Pastor Brent Wassink – Message
Laurie Harkema - Pianist and Organist
Zigwai Tagwai – Reader
Carla Bieber – Greenhouse Leader

TODAY

Nursery: OPEN 9:15 AM-12:15 PM for children ages 0-4

Coffee Time: following the worship service. Join us for coffee and water outside at the gazebo.

Little Lambs: Children age 3-4 meet during the service in the Nursery

Greenhouse: Meets during the service in Room 3. Children (age 5 and up) are dismissed after the children's message and can be picked up by 10:40 AM from Greenhouse Room 3.

The Well @ RTC: A low-key worship gathering with guitar & bass. Meets in the Gym at 11:00 AM. All are welcome. Nursery is available.

THIS WEEK

Men's Sunrise Bible Study: Wed. 6:45 AM – Meeting Room

Pickleball: Wed. 5:00 PM Meets at MSU pickleball courts (across the street from Fee Hall).

UPCOMING

The office will be CLOSED on Monday, July 4.

Pastor Brent will be on a study break and vacation July 4-July 19.

Next Sunday, July 10 we welcome guest pastor Rev. Thea Leunk. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper at both services.

RTC Family Camping: Aug. 5-7 at Sleepy Hollow State Park. Get into nature and have fun with your church family. Save the date, save your site! \$68 for a campsite for the weekend. Scholarships available. Contact Carla Bieber carla@riverterrace.org with any questions. Sign up sheet is on the Connection Booth. There are only three spots left!

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS and PRAYERS

Congratulations to Jonah & Megan Berger on the birth of their son Arthur Martin, born June 15.

Longtime member Gwen Corr passed away this week. Our sympathy to the Geers family. Gwen was the mother of Pat (Dave) Geers, and grandmother to Brad & Jayme Geers and Robert & Olivia Geers. A small graveside service for the family is being planned.

Continued prayers are appreciated for Judy Hamilton, Dan Hoolsema, Oakley Kwekel, Craig McDougall, Jane Outslay, Christina Simpson, Margie Stephenson, Jim Sytsma, Audrey Tien, and Bobby Wilson.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Director of Community Life: River Terrace Christian Reformed Church is seeking candidates for its first Director of Community Life. The River Terrace congregation, worshipping God across the street from Michigan State University, is prayerfully searching for a candidate who will lead our church in carrying out its mission and values through leadership and Faith Formation programming for children, youth and families. We are seeking a candidate who will build and sustain intergenerational connectedness by establishing relationships with and between the congregation. As a mission, River Terrace exists to glorify God and make disciples by cultivating hearts and minds to flourish in Christ. We are strong at the Core, articulating Biblically centered Christian faith for contemporary society, and united in our differences, celebrating our diversity while seeking oneness in Christ. Visit <https://www.riverterrace.org/job-opportunities/> to view the Director of Community Life job description and to learn more about River Terrace Church. Please email your cover letter and resume to RTCSearchTeam@riverterrace.org.

For more information about RTC or to be added to our weekly emails, please go to www.riverterrace.org or fill out a Connect Card located in the pews and place in the box at the offering table.

Short Cuts Cut You Short

1 Samuel 13:1-15

What's the way to go?

1. God often doesn't say.

2. But sometimes...

When the way to go is clear:

1. It's hard to _____.

2. It's easy to _____.

3. Short cuts cut you short.

God's way: obey because you _____.

1. Then we can focus on _____.

2. 4Rs

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Discussion questions

1. Describe a good or bad short cut you've taken.
2. What's a word from God that's hard for you to obey?
3. Describe a time you've made excuses.
4. Discuss: Short cuts cut you short.
5. Which of the Rs is most helpful to you? Why?