

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 23, 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Riverside Church. As you prepare yourself for Worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“We must believe...that life, not death, is the last word; that against all evidence to the contrary (and most evidence is to the contrary), all our efforts on behalf of the well-being of our planet and especially of its most vulnerable creatures, including human ones, will not be defeated. It is the belief that the source and power of the universe is on the side of life and its fulfillment. The ‘risen Christ’ is the Christian way of speaking of this faith and hope: Christ is the firstborn of the new creation, to be followed by the rest of creation, including the last and the least.”

Dr. Sallie McFague, *The Body of God: An Ecological Theology*.

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## THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Easter, a period of fifty days leading to Pentecost. This season focuses on celebrating the resurrection and new life.

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## IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

**Complete a Welcome Card** and place it in the offering plate as it passes.

**Join us for Fellowship Hour** in South Hall Lobby directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave, take a right and follow the hallway past Christ Chapel. Signs and greeters are available to provide direction. You'll find fair trade coffee from Javesca Coffee, a children's play area, a greeting area to learn about membership at Riverside, and indoor seating.

**A church tour** is offered each Sunday after Worship free of charge. Meet in the 1st balcony. Tours also take place on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. leaving from the Gift Shop. No reservations are necessary.

**Assistive hearing devices and large print bulletins** are available upon request from an usher.

## GATHERING

*We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God*

### CARILLON

Meditation on The Bells of Aberdovey

*arr. Sally Slade Warner*

*Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur*

### HANDBELLS

Light Eternal

*Cathy Moglebust*

Prelude on “Herzliebster Jesu”

*Fred Gramann*

*The Choirs of the Annual English Handbell Festival*

*Tim Waugh, conductor*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

### †PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

*Dix*

### †CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>i</sup>

Rev. Bertram Johnson

Leader: Christ is risen.

**People: Christ is risen, indeed.**

Leader: God is alive.

**People: New birth is given.**

Leader: Hope is alive.

**People: A new age is dawning.**

Leader: Joy is alive.

**People: Redemption is here.**

Leader: Love is alive.

**People: Death cannot harm us.**

Leader: We are alive.

**People: New life is within us.**

Leader: The church is alive.

**People: God’s spirit is within us.**

**All: God of life, we worship you.**

**God of creation, we praise you.**

**God of revelation, we learn from you.**

**God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.**

†*All who are able, please stand*

## +INVOCATION

### LISTENING

*We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching*

### ANTHEM

Recollection

*Tim Waugh*

*The Choirs of the Annual English Handbell Festival*

### NEW MEMBERS' LITURGY

Rev. Kevin Wright & Ms. Celia Lloyd

**People:** We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

**"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"**

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mr. Steve Knight

Genesis 1:1-12, 20-22, 24-27  
*(page 1 in the Old Testament)*

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALTER

Mr. Howard Sanders

Psalms 24  
*(page 502 in the Old Testament)*

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ms. Katasha Harley

Acts 2:14, 22-32  
*(page 119 in the New Testament)*

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## +HYMN 297

O Lord of Every Shining Constellation

*Vicar*

+All who are able, please stand

## ✚GOSPEL LESSON

Mr. Derrick Jordan

John 20:19-31

*(page 115 in the New Testament)*

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Butler

Signs of Life

## RESPONDING

*We respond to the hearing of God's word through confession, offering, passing the peace, and monthly communion*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Michael Livingston

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with your spirit.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Pray in the language or version of your heart.*

## CHORAL AMEN

## ✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Heart's Offering*      *Southern American folk melody, arr. Antony Baldwin*

As I rise with the dawn, may my soul be reborn; take this heart all forlorn,  
and refresh me in the morn. Alleluia! In the warmth of the day I consider  
thy way. May thy love ever stay in my heart, O Lord I pray. Alleluia! In the  
still of the night, as I think on the light in my heart burning bright, keep me  
precious in thy sight. Alleluia! God of each living thing, bless the gift that we  
bring. Alleluia! Take our hearts' offering while in joyful praise we sing. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!

✚*All who are able, please stand*

**✠AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY**

*The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize offering of our whole selves to God*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Rev. Wright

*SENDING*

*We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors*

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

Rev. Butler

**✠BENEDICTION**

**✠RECESSIONAL HYMN 112**

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

*Christ ist erstanden*

**POSTLUDE**

Processional for a Joyful Day

*Dale Wood*

*Special thanks today to our congregational readers:  
Steve Knight, Howard Sanders, Katasha Harley, and Derrick Jordan.*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

<sup>i</sup> <https://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com/>

**✠All who are able, please stand**

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## EASTER FLOWER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### ***Deborah Keehn***

In memory of Tom and Martha Keehn, from the Keehn Family.

### ***Doris Anne Younger***

My husband, The Rev. Dr. George D. Younger, and his brother The Rev. Paul A. Younger who grew up in this church. Their parents, G. Dana and Dorothy Younger, who brought them to the church for their dedication and who were active as parents and as leaders in the life of the church. The Rev. Dr. C. Ivar Hellstrom and Mary Hellstrom, Directors of Christian Education, who provided their religious upbringing and became close family friends.

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## LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

**For announcements of programs and events** in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website [www.trcnyc.org](http://www.trcnyc.org).

## Talk With the Preacher

Entries from Pastor Amy's blog, *talkwiththepreacher.org*, are printed and available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.

Please email [srminister@trcnyc.org](mailto:srminister@trcnyc.org) or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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