

# The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MAY 14, 2017  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

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:

“If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other.”

–Mother Teresa

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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 Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy stoles.

On Sunday, June 4 we will be celebrating Pentecost. Everyone is invited to wear red to signify the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our world.

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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 Assembly Hall directly after Worship. As you leave the Nave, take the stairs or elevator down to the A level. 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: Songs My Mother Taught Me

*Antonin Dvorák*

*Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur*

### HANDBELLS

Cantabile

*Emily Li*

Down by the Riverside

*Spiritual, arr. Arnold Sherman*

*The Riverside Ringers*

*Daniel Potter, director*

### LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

### ✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Westminster Abbey*

### ✚CALL TO WORSHIP FROM 1 PETER 2

Rev. Bertram Johnson

Leader: We have gathered today to worship in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our cornerstone.

**People: We gather as living stones built into a spiritual house,  
chosen and precious in God's sight.**

Leader: We have been chosen by God to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

**People: in order that we may proclaim the mighty acts of God  
who called us out of darkness into God's marvelous light.**

Leader: Once we were not a people at all,

**People: but now we are God's people.  
Come let us worship God together!**

### ✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

## LISTENING

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

### ANTHEM

Alleluia

*Randall Thompson*

### PSALTER

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

*(page 505 in the Old Testament)*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Ms. Charlene Wingate

### EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

*(page 233 in the New Testament)*

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Ms. Robin Veenstra-Vanderweele

### †HYMN 389

O Jesus, I Have Promised

*Nyland*

### †GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:1-14

*(page 108 in the New Testament)*

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Mr. Jeremy Veenstra-Vanderweele

### SERMON

Sad, Scared, and Stingy

Rev. Butler

## RESPONDING

*We respond to the hearing of God's word through prayer, 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

Rev. Kevin Wright  
Rev. Kevin Vandiver

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Greater Love

*John Ireland*

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no one than this than to lay down one's life for one's friends. Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we being dead to sin should live unto righteousness. Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus; ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light! I beseech you Christians by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

*Kendra Berentsen, soprano*

*Sidney Outlaw, baritone*

✠*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 & DEDICATION

Rev. Johnson

### SENDING

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

## INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Butler

## BENEDICTION

## ✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us<sup>1</sup>

*Beach Spring*

Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight.  
Fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.  
Life a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,  
Lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,  
Left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.  
When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love,  
Tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

## ✦ POSTLUDE

Prelude for Organ

*Fanny Mendelssohn*

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:*

*Charlene Wingate, Robin Veenstra-Vanderweele, and Jeremy Veenstra-Vanderweele.*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

<sup>1</sup> From The New Century Hymnal, Copyright ©1995 The Pilgrim Press. Permission is granted for this one-time use.

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### FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

The flowers in the sanctuary today were provided by the Worship Commission in honor of Mother's Day to celebrate everyone who fulfills the role of mother in our lives and our world.

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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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