

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 18, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:

“Sarah and her husband [Abraham] had had plenty of hard knocks in their time, and there were plenty more of them still to come, but at that moment when the angel told them they’d better start dipping into their old-age pensions for cash to build a nursery, the reason they laughed was that it suddenly dawned on them that the wildest dreams they’d ever had hadn’t been half wild enough.”

–Frederic Buechner, *Peculiar Treasures*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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: Preludium in G

Jef Denyn

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Canon in G Major

G. Debat Ponsan

Chorale Prelude on Rockingham

Christopher Tambling

Christopher Creaghan, Associate Organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Now, in the Days of Youth

Diademata

Now in the days of youth when life is filled with choice,
When hope and doubt touch ev'ry hour, when all thoughts find a voice,
We turn, O God, to you for guidance and for grace.
In all our days, in all our ways, help us to seek your face.

Teach us to use our lives with purpose and with power
For visions of a better world and for decision's hour;
To choose the way of life, reject the way of death,
Until the radiant force of God fills mind and strength and breath.

Teach us to love in truth, to give and to receive
With joyful and with open hearts, with all that we believe;
To seek another's good, to honor what is right,
To let our will and our desire be held in holy light.

Teacher, Creator, God, enfold us in your arms;
Be with us as we try our wings, and keep us safe from harm.
All good and perfect gifts come to us from your hand.
O help us use them carefully and live by love's command.

✚*All who are able, please stand*

✚CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 116

Rev. Rachel Johnson

Leader: I love the Lord, because the Lord has heard
my voice and my supplications.
Because God inclined God's ear to me,
therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.

**People: What shall I return to the Lord
for all God's bounty to me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the Lord,
I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people.**

Leader: Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of God's faithful ones.

**People: O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your serving-maid.
You have loosed my bonds.**

Leader: I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice
and call on the name of the Lord.

**People: I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all God's people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
Praise the Lord!**

✚INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

SOLO

Hear My Prayer

Antonín Dvorák

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear unto my cry. Thou art my refuge and my hope, thou shalt tread down my enemies. I will dwell forever in thy tents and hide me in the shadow of thy wings. Lord, thou art indeed my God, yea, I will seek thee early. My soul is faint, my body longeth after thee in a barren desert where there is no water. Now I will bless thee daily and lift my hands in prayer and adoration; yea, my lips shall praise thee all my life long.

Liz Lang, soprano

SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Dr. Emily Anderson

Akili Myers - Millicent Wiley Award

Nina Mellor - Carl Fields Award

Julian Ford - Carl Fields Award

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HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ms. Sheree Hairston

Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

(page 14 & 16 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Mr. Jerome Hairston

Romans 5:1-8

(page 155 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 412

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

Forest Green

+GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.

Matthew 9:35-10:23

(page 9 & 10 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Hysterical

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.

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.

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

+*All who are able, please stand*

+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 Vandiver

OFFERTORY SOLO

Alleluia

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Liz Lang, soprano

+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. Vandiver

SENDING

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Butler

BLESSING OF OUR CONFIRMANDS

Rev. Butler
Rev. Vandiver

+BENEDICTION

Dr. Forbes

+RECESSIONAL HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission

Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

POSTLUDE

Postlude in C

Henry Smart

+All who are able, please stand

Special thanks to our Senior Minister Emeritus, the Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., and our congregational leaders: Dr. Emily Anderson, Sheree Hairston, and Jerome Hairston.

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.

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 or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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in the City of New York, and with the New York State, National,
and World Council of Churches.

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