

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JUNE 25, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PRIDE SUNDAY

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:

“Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.”

–Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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: Sarabande

Francis Poulenc

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

O God of Love

John Corigliano

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Community of Christ

Leoni

Community of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
Live out your creed and risk your life for God alone:
The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds belong,
Whose children are of every race and every song.

Community of Christ, look past the church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry, and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed, the jobless in your street,
Take towel and water, that you wash your neighbor's feet.

Community of Christ, through whom the word must sound
Cry out for justice and for peace the whole world round:
Disarm the powers that war and all that can destroy,
Turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish into joy.

When menace melts away, so shall God's will be done,
The climate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;
Our currency be love and kindness our law,
Our food and faith be shared as one forever more.

+CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ

Ms. Christian Peele

Leader: We are part of the Church universal - faithful people of every race, nation, gender, class, sexual orientation, age, and ability, gathered to love and serve God.

People: Together we are the body of Christ, no member more valued than another, all valued and beloved.

Leader: We gather as the community of God where all are welcome. Together, let us worship God, rejoicing in the good news that we celebrate this day!

People: There is a place in God's heart, there is a place at Christ's table, there is a place in this sanctuary for all people.

Leader: Christ, who gathers us, bids us follow in the ways of love and justice.

All: May our hearts be open to Christ's leading in our worship and our living, this day and always.

+INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

SONG

You Deserve It

Jackie C. Vaughn, James L. Hairston

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Kevin Wright & Ms. Anita Bryant

"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. Stacey Robinson

Genesis 21:8-21

(page 17 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ms. Mary Biggs

Acts 16:16-26

(page 136 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

+All who are able, please stand

+HYMN 398

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Sweet Sweet Spirit

+GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:24-39

(page 10 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Mr. Jeremiah Drake

SERMON

Bishop Yvette A. Flunder

From Monuments to Movements

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. 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.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Bertram Johnson

OFFERTORY SONG

Blessed

Fred Hammond

+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. Livingston

SCHOLAR AWARD PRESENTATION

Mr. Jocardo Ralston

COMMISSIONING OF THE MARCHERS

Rev. Livingston

✚BENEDICTION

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN *(please see next page)*

In the Midst of New Dimensions

New Dimensions

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on “All Hail the Power”

Alice Jordan

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Mr. Stacey Robinson, Ms. Mary Biggs and Mr. Jeremiah Drake.

Liturgical Resources for Today:

ⁱ<http://www.welcomingresources.org/openingworship.htm>

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.

✚*All who are able, please stand*

IN THE MIDST OF NEW DIMENSIONS

NEW DIMENSIONS

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil-grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

Refrain

Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea - gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

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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and the United Church of Christ and cooperates with the Council of Churches
in the City of New York, and with the New York State, National,
and World Council of Churches.

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