

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

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:

“Imagination. To tell our stories, to play them out, to paint pictures, moving and still, but above all to glimpse another way of being. Because as much as we need to describe the world we do live in, we need to dream up the kind of world we want to live in.”

– Bono

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.

JESUS THE TEACHER

This is week three in our four-part series entitled “Jesus the Teacher.” Each week we have been asking a question that begins, “How did you learn...?” In the front of the Nave you will find a chalkboard and post-it notes where you can leave a question you might have about Scripture, God, faith, or maybe the Church. We invite you to start a discussion with the people in your life and let Jesus be your teacher!

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: Intrada

Ronald Barnes

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

STRING ENSEMBLE

Morning Has Broken

arr. James Power

The Riverside Youth String Ensemble

Kristina Giles, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Ellen Robison

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

†CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 139

Ms. Mandy Meisenheimer

Leader: Lord, you have searched us and known us.

**All: Before we move or think or speak
you know what we will say and do.**

Leader: There is no place where you are not present
– in heaven and on earth.

**All: Even when we say the darkness surrounds us
and the day has become night,
we know the darkness is not dark to you.**

Leader: Search us, O God, and know our hearts;
test us and know our thoughts.

**All: Lord, you have searched us and known us.
Now lead us in the way everlasting
as we worship you in truth.**

†INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

A TEACHING MOMENT

Ms. Meisenheimer and Rev. Robison

†*All who are able, please stand*

SOLO

Give Me Jesus

arr. Moses Hogan

In the morning, when I rise give me Jesus. You can have all this world, just give me Jesus. Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus. Nobody but Jesus. Oh, you may have all of this world, give me Jesus.

Irene Ryan King, mezzo-soprano

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Dr. Challon Perry

Genesis 28:10-19

(page 25 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Rev. Dustin Pickett

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

(page 166 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Nettleton

All who love and serve your city, all who bear its daily stress,
All who cry for peace and justice, all who curse and all who bless:
In your day of wealth and plenty, wasted work and wasted play,
Call to mind the word of Jesus, "You must work while it is day."

For all days are days of judgment, and the Lord is waiting still,
Drawing near a world that spurns Him, offering peace from Calvary's hill.
Risen Lord, shall yet the city be the city of despair?
Come today, our judge, our glory. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

†GOSPEL LESSON

Celia Lloyd

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

(page 14 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. R. Scott Colglazier

A Church for the City and a City That Needs a Church

†All who are able, please stand

RESPONDING

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

✦ PASTORAL PRAYER

Ms. Christian Peele

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. Pickett

OFFERTORY SOLO

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Samuel Liddle

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness for a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

Irene Ryan King, mezzo-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.

✦ *All who are able, please stand*

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Rev. Pickett

SENDING

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Robison

✚ BENEDICTION

Rev. Colglazier

✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Dr. Challon Perry and Celia Lloyd.*

The Rev. Dr. R. Scott Colglazier is Senior Minister of First Congregational Church of Los Angeles, the oldest Protestant church in the city of Los Angeles, and home to the world's largest church pipe organ. Since his arrival in the summer of 2008, Dr. Colglazier has been leading First Church through a remarkable period of renewal and growth, as well as significant outreach to the city. He has served a number of churches throughout his career, most notably University Christian Church in Fort Worth, Texas and the Riverside Church of New York City. He is the author of several books, including *Finding a Faith that Makes Sense*, *Circling the Divine*, *Touchstones*, *Yes to Peace*, and his best-selling Christmas book, *The Winter Name for God*. His most recent book is titled *A Dictionary of Faith: For Open-Hearted, Open-Minded People*. He is also author of the popular spirituality blog, *Take a Breath*, available at www.fccla.org or www.rscglazier.com. Dr. Colglazier has been the featured speaker at many of the nation's great churches, and his work has been highlighted on CNN, *The Today Show*, and the *CBS Morning Show*, *The Advocate*, as well as in the *New York Times*. Dr. Colglazier is especially interested in the relationship between religious faith and the larger cultural life of Americans. He is known as a progressive, optimistic, and healing person of faith.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

Norton Wisdom began his artistic life at fourteen when he attended Chouinard Art Institute in Los Angeles. A student of the luminous John Altoon (one of the preeminent artists of West Coast avant-gardism of the 50's and 60's), Wisdom was introduced, not only to the fundamentals of figure drawing, but also to the bold conceptual-based and humanistic thinking which would lay the groundwork for his future endeavors. Wisdom first began exhibiting his own work in San Francisco in the 1970s but withdrew all of his work from galleries in 1974 and spent the following eight years immersed in studio work. In the late 1970s while in Germany for an exhibition, Wisdom painted over 150 meters of the East side of the Berlin wall during the night using searchlights to illuminate his work. He was subsequently arrested, detained and sent back to the U.S. but the experience convinced him that he could no longer work in the static studio environment and soon he began collaborating with punk bands and working in a performative style. Wisdom has performed around the world at venues as varied as the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, to the Butu Dance Company in Japan, and locally at the Walt Disney Hall in downtown Los Angeles. His paintings and sculpture can be found in the permanent collections of notable museums including the La Jolla Museum of Contemporary Art, the Milwaukee Art Center, Wisconsin, and the Orange County Museum of Art.

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LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

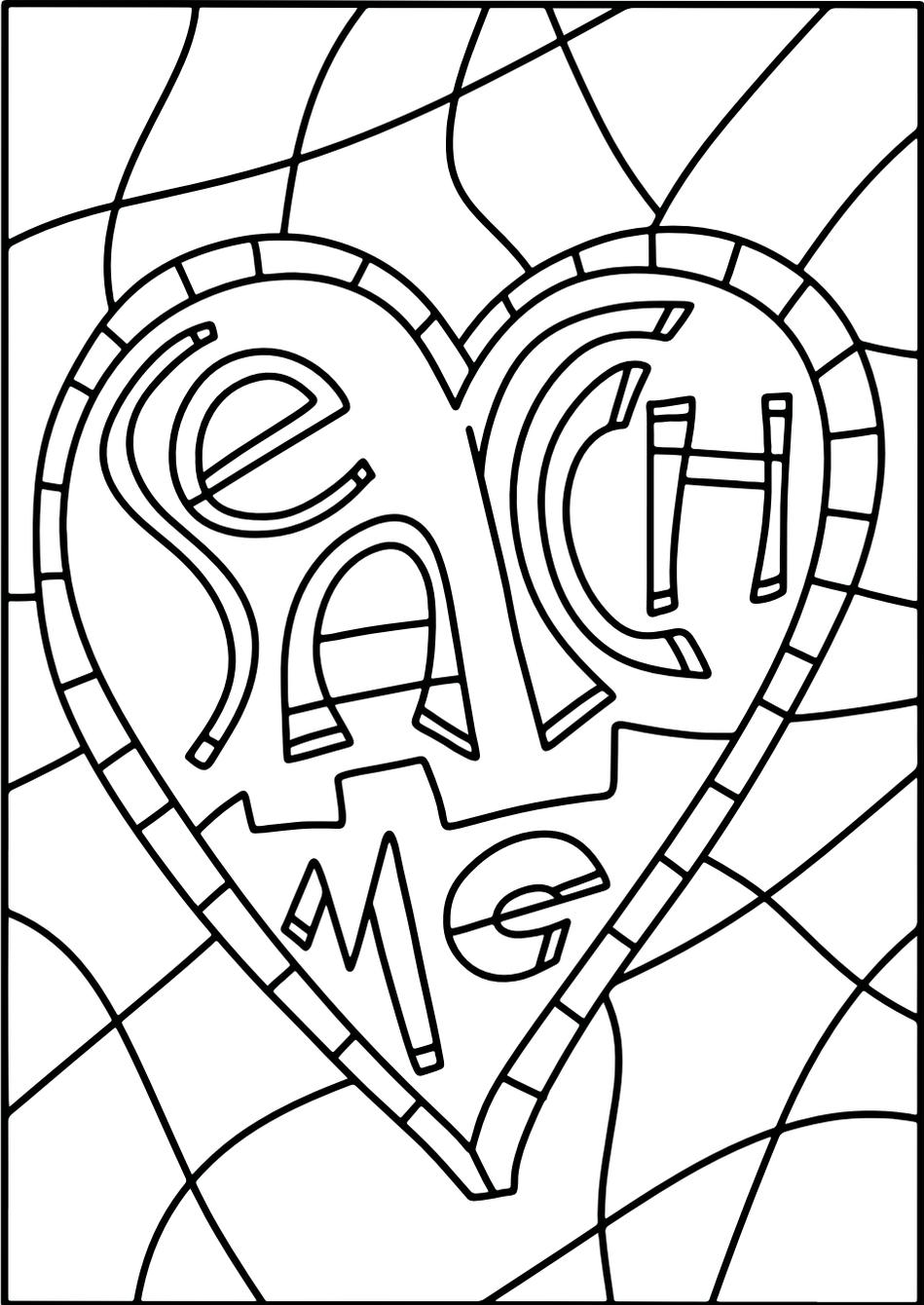
For announcements of programs and events in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website www.trcnyc.org.

A Teaching Moment – please enjoy these activities for our “younger” family members as we worship together this summer.

COLOR THIS WEEK’S PICTURES

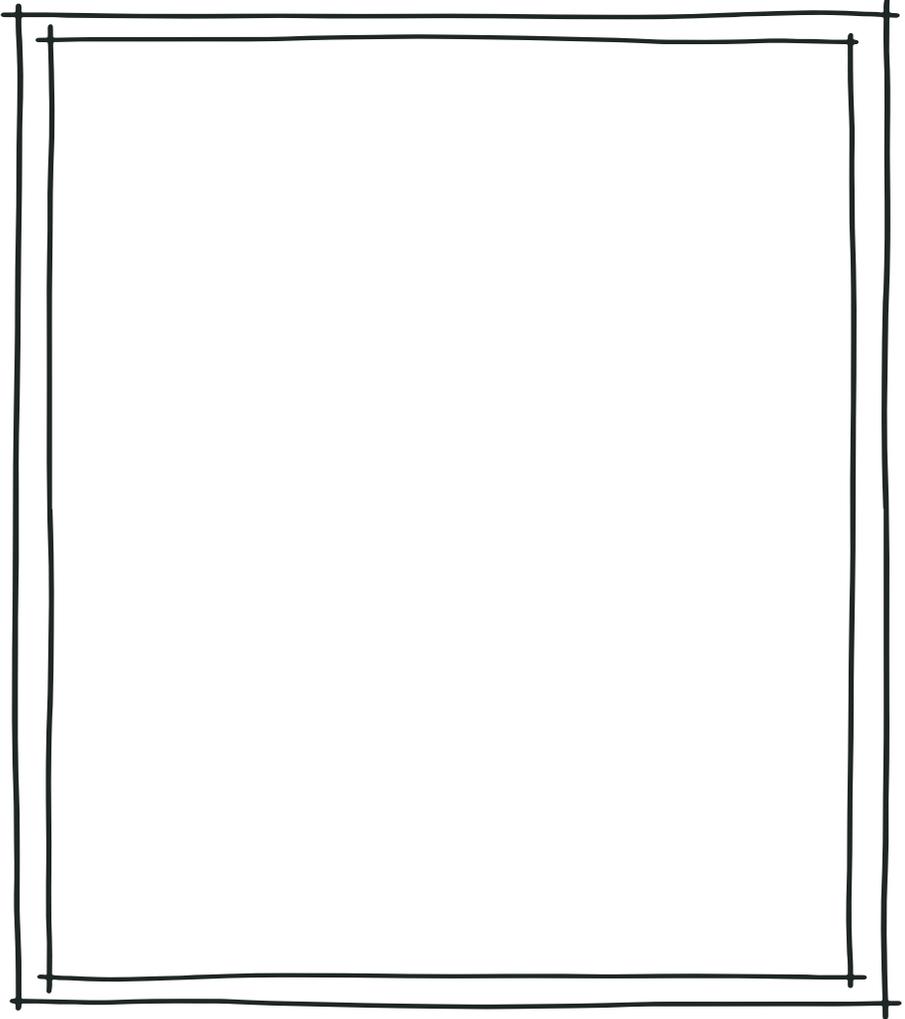


Genesis 28:10-19

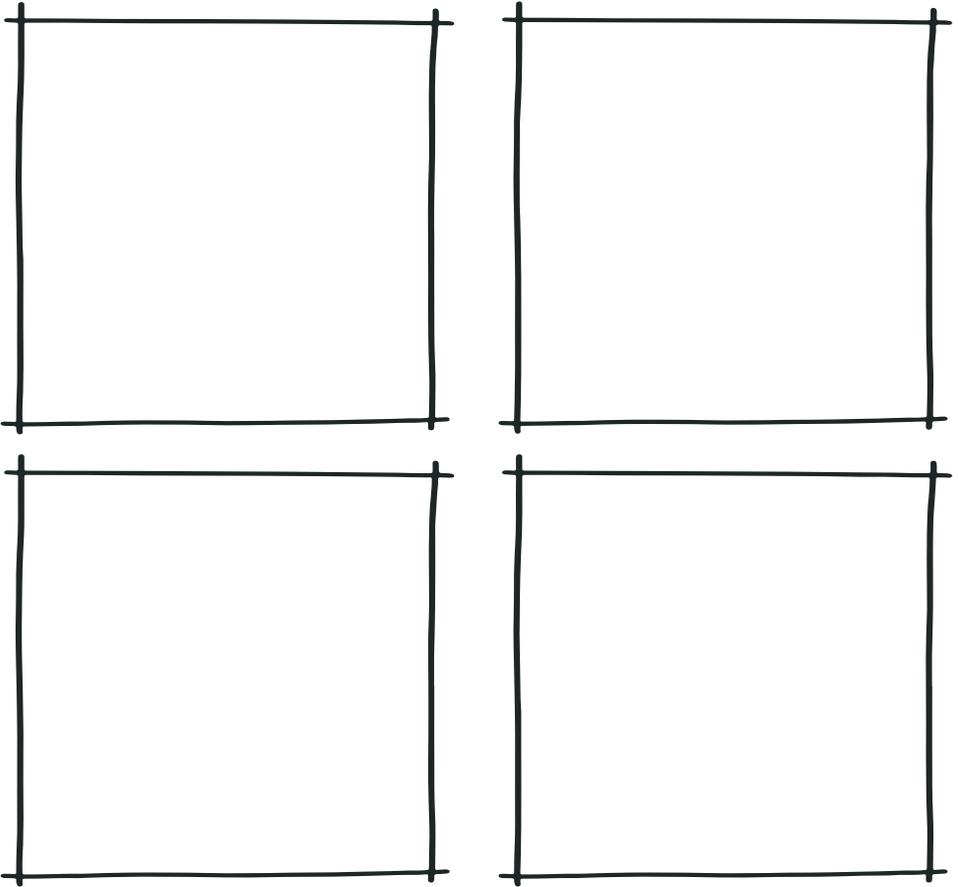


Psalm 139:1-12

 DRAW IT.



In Genesis 28, Jacob has an incredible dream in which he meets God. When he wakes up, he wants to create something to remember this, and to mark God's presence. Jacob builds a tower out of stones, and pours a special oil on top of it. **If you were Jacob,** what would you create or build as a reminder of God's presence with you?



Psalm 139 describes how God is always with us. There is no place we can go where God is not, the Psalm says - heaven and earth, the sky, the far end of the ocean, the darkest place we could imagine. **In each box, draw a picture of you and God together in a different place.** You can use these places from the Psalm, or choose others from your own life and imagination.

TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Read Pastor Amy's blog online at talkwiththepreacher.org.
Printed copies are also available in the Welcome Center/Gift Shop.

Pastor Amy is available for conversations with members by appointment.
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The Riverside Church is a member of the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A. 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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