

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 30, 2017

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:

“If we only had eyes to see and ears to hear and wits to understand, we would know that the Kingdom of God in the sense of holiness, goodness, beauty is as close as breathing and is crying out to born both within ourselves and within the world; we would know that the Kingdom of God is what we all of us hunger for above all other things even when we don't know its name or realize that it's what we're starving to death for.”

– *Frederick Buechner*

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 the final week 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: Sonatine II

Sjef van Balkom

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Léon Boëllmann

Choral – Menuet – Prière à Notre-Dame

Christopher Creaghan, Associate Organist

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Kevin Wright

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 552

Give Thanks, O Christian People

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

✚CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 89

Ms. Farley Lord

Leader: We will sing of the tender mercies of the Lord forever!

All: Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.

Leader: Lord, you have been a dwelling place for us
and for our children.

All: Your unfailing love will last forever.

Leader: Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.

**All: Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,
for they will walk in the light of your presence.**

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

A TEACHING MOMENT

Rev. Kevin Vandiver and Ms. Mandy Meisenheimer

SOLO

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled

Nancy Wertsch

Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. I am the way, the truth, and the light.

Jonathan Keeley, bass

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mr. Eugene Melino

Genesis 29:15-28

(page 26 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ms. Marilyn Mitchell

Romans 8:26-39

(page 158 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 314

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Bridegroom

†GOSPEL LESSON

Ms. Lord

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

(page 14 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Michael Livingston

is like...

†*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

Rev. Wright

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. Wright and Ms. Christian Peele

OFFERTORY SOLO

Evening and Morning

Max Spicker

Comes at times a stillness as of even, steeping the soul in memories of love; as when the glow is sinking out of heaven, as when the twilight deepens in the grove, the twilight deepens in the grove.

Comes at length a sound of many voices, as when the waves break lightly on the shore; as when at dawn the feather'd choir rejoices, singing aloud because the night is o'er. Comes at times a voice of days departed, on dying breath of evening borne: sinks then the trav'ler faint and weary hearted, long is the way it whispers and forlorn!

Comes at last a voice of thrilling gladness, borne on the breezes of the rising day, saying, the Lord shall make an end of sadness, the Lord shall wipe all tears away.

Jonathan Keeley, bass

✚*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

Ms. Peele

SENDING

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHP

Rev. Livingston

†BENEDICTION

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 384

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

St. Margaret

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

Leon Boëllmann

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Mr. Eugene Melino and Ms. Marilyn Mitchell.*

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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.

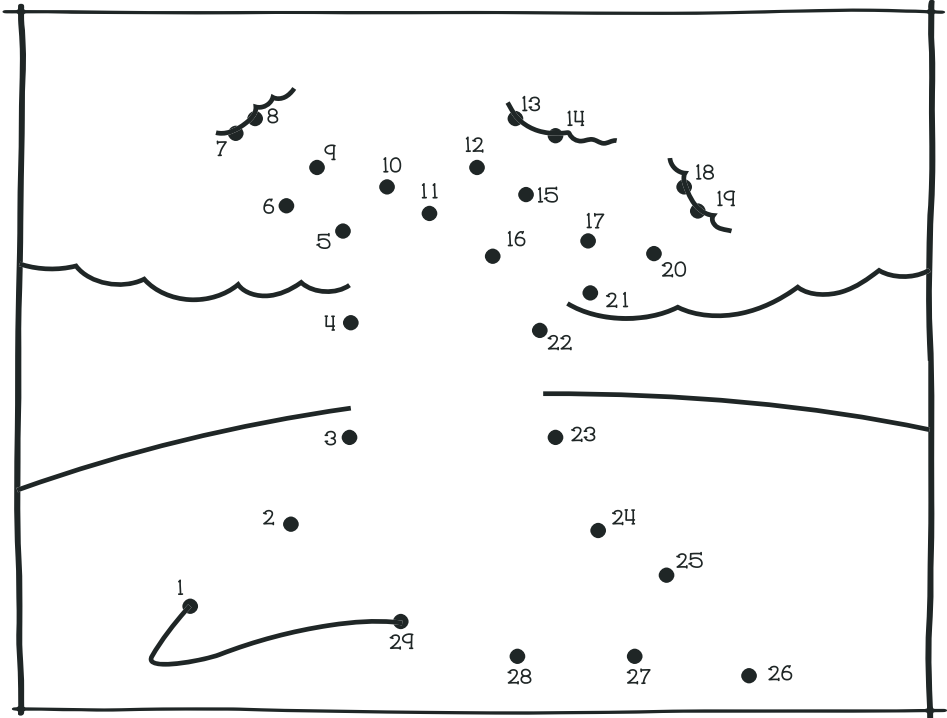
A Teaching Moment – please enjoy these activities for our “younger” family members as we worship together this summer.

COLOR THIS WEEK’S PICTURES





CONNECT THE DOTS



In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus compares the "Kingdom of God" to many different things - one of these, is a mustard seed that starts out small, but becomes an enormous tree. Connect the dots to discover the tree. Inside the tree, write some words or draw some pictures that might describe what God's kingdom looks like to you. For example, "peace," because God's hope for the world is that there would be peace between all people and creation.



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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