

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



AUGUST 13, 2017

TENTH 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:

The dreams of course will not come true
That is, we think they won't come true
That is, we hope they won't come true
What if he's right all along?
The dreams are more than crystal clear
The writing on the wall
Means that Joseph someday soon
Will rise above us all
The accuracy of the dreams
We brothers do not know
But one thing we are sure about;
The dreamer has to go."

– Tim Rice, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

Our art installation, "Shades of Ordinary Time" highlights the liturgical season after Pentecost until the beginning of Advent. The color green symbolizes growth and new life. Imagine the top of the Nave opening to allow the leaves to stream down into the church as God's creation comes inside. It is a time of flourishing and delighting in every shade of green found in nature as we celebrate the diversity of God's people gathered to worship at The Riverside Church.

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: In the Chapel

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

Johan Franco

ORGAN

Andante religioso – Allegretto (Sonata IV)

Christopher Creaghan, Associate Organist

Felix Mendelssohn

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Kevin Wright

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 479

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Lauda anima

†CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 85

Rev. Wright

Leader: Let us hear what God will speak,
for the Holy One speaks peace to the people,
to the faithful, and to all who turn to God in their hearts.

All: **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet.
Righteousness and peace will embrace.**

Leader: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

All: **The Holy One will give what is good,
and we will bring our praise and song.**

†INVOCATION

LISTENING

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



SOLO

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Spiritual, arr. Scott Warren

I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

David Orcutt, baritone

Exegesis, from the Greek "to lead out" is a critical explanation or interpretation of a text. Some of the forms of critical analysis may include: historical, literary, and contextual disciplines.

EXEGESIS

Rev. Wright

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ms. Courtney Klamar

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

(page 34 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ms. Farley Lord

Romans 10:5-15

(page 160 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 452

O Day of God, Draw Nigh

St. Michael

A gospel, meaning "good story/news" is an account describing the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. The most widely known examples are the four canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John which are included in the New Testament, but the term is also used to refer to apocryphal gospels, non-canonical gospels, Jewish-Christian gospels, and gnostic gospels.

†GOSPEL LESSON

Mr. David Nalladurai

Matthew 14:22-33

(page 16 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Debra Northern

Never Reduce Your Dreams

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Bertram Johnson

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.

The Pastoral Prayer is one of the ways we respond to hearing the Word of God proclaimed as we offer prayers of intercession, petition and thanksgiving on behalf of the gathered community, the church and the world.

✠PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Ms. Lord

OFFERTORY SOLO

Ineffable Joy

Richard Pearson Thomas

My gracious redeemer I love, his praises aloud I'll proclaim. And join with the armies above to shout his adorable name. To gaze on his glories divine shall be my eternal employ; and feel them incessantly shine, my boundless ineffable joy. His name yields the richest perfume, and sweeter than music his voice. His presence disburses my gloom, and makes all within me rejoice. I should, were he always thus nigh, have nothing to wish or to fear. No mortal as happy as I, my summer would last all the year. How tedious and tasteless the hours when Jesus no longer I see. Sweet prospects, sweet birds and sweet flowers have all lost their sweetness to me. The midsummer sun shines but dim. The fields strive in vain to look gay. But when I am happy in him, December's as pleasant as May. To shine with the angels of light, with saints and with seraphs to sing. To view with eternal delight, my Jesus, my savior, my king. To gaze on his glories divine will be my eternal employ. My boundless ineffable joy! To shout his adorable name!



“Doxology” comes from the Greek meaning “glory saying” and is typically a sung expression of praise to the Holy Trinity.

✝ 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. Lord

SENDING

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

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

Rev. Northern

Literally translated “good word,” the blessing is usually offered in a Trinitarian form that may include a charge to the congregation.

✝ BENEDICTION

✝ RECESSIONAL HYMN 361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

POSTLUDE

Allegro assai vivace (Sonata I)

Felix Mendelssohn

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Ms. Courtney Klamar and Mr. David Nalladurai*

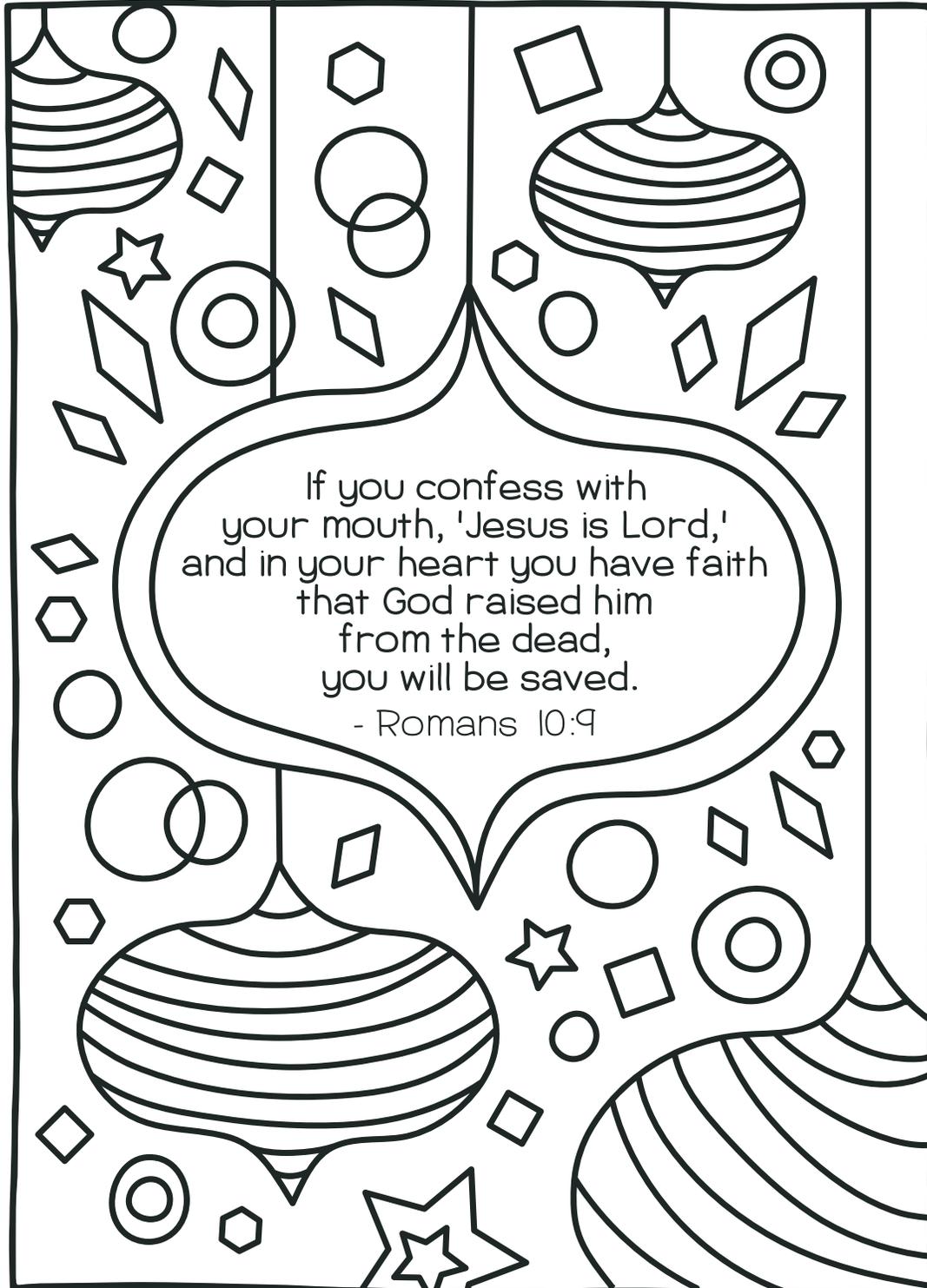
*Also a special thanks to the actors:
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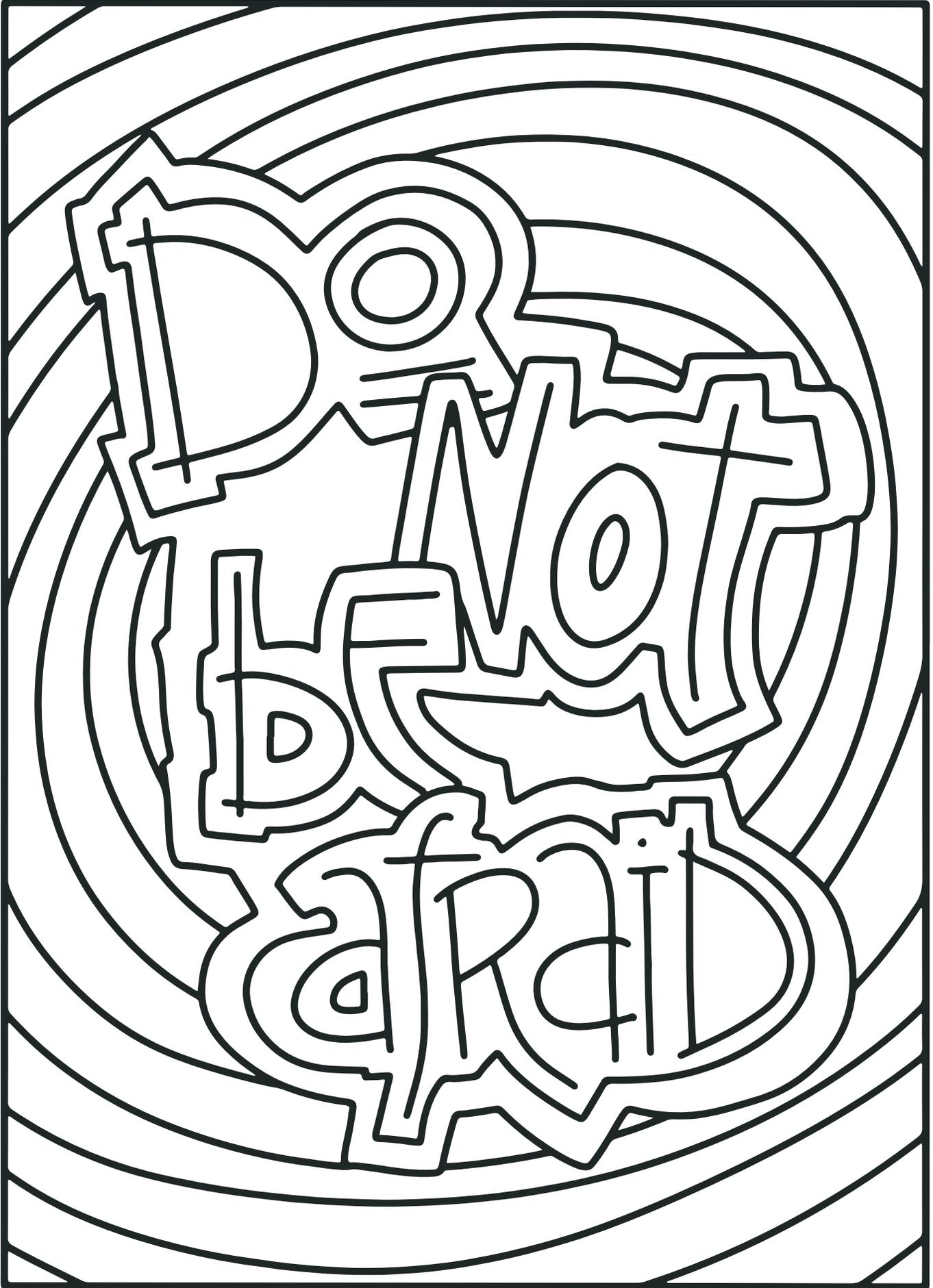
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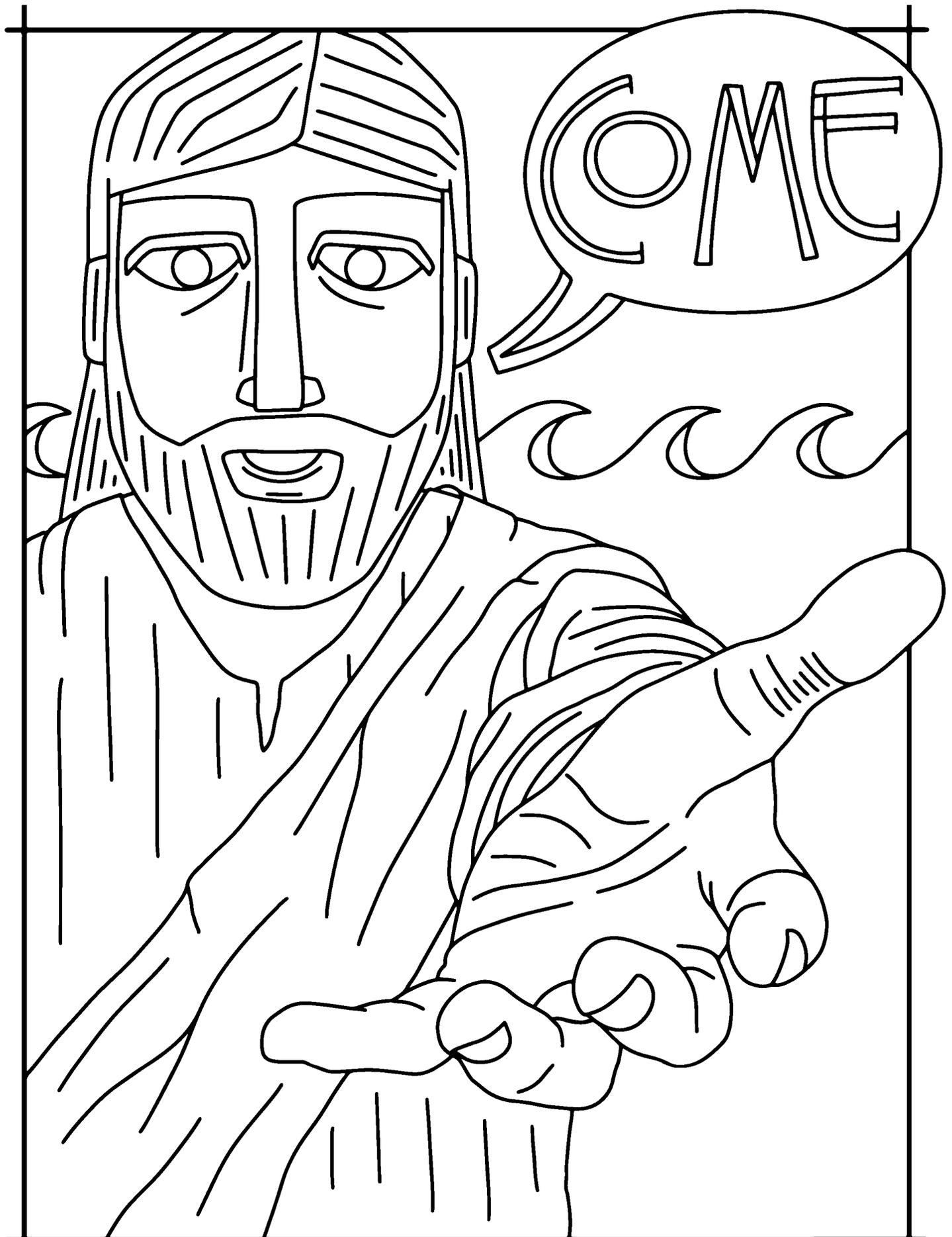
For announcements of programs and events in the church, please pick up the *Life of Our Community* bulletin located in the back of the pew or outside the Welcome Center. Or visit our website www.trcnyc.org.

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

COLOR THIS WEEK’S PICTURES







Matthew 14:22-33

WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Genesis 37 in the word search below. Words may go up OR down and forward OR backward.

R O B E I S R A E L Z N M N L
V J I E J H A D U J R B F O R
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D J M F G S M V L N O T L T H
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JOSEPH

SHEEP

SILVER

JACOB

FIELD

EGYPT

CANAAN

DREAMER

LOVE

ISRAEL

REUBEN

HATE

ROBE

CISTERN

REVENGE

BROTHERS

JUDAH

CAMEL

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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