

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



On the Way with Jesus

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

FOURTEENTH 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:

“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.”

– 1 John 4:18

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.

We are currently in our four-week series, **On the Way With Jesus**, in which we are looking at Matthew’s Gospel as Jesus journeys toward Jerusalem. Along the way, Jesus interacts with his disciples, teaching them and us how to live in community and be the Church.

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: Prayer

Leen 't Hart

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Elegy

George Thalben-Ball

Christopher Creaghan, Associate Organist

RIVERSIDE YOUTH STRING ENSEMBLE

Eine Kleine Nachtmusik: Allegro

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Kristina Giles, conductor

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

✚CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Ms. Christian Peele

One: The voice of God gathers us this day;

All: The warmth of God brings us together as one people.

One: So we come, with joy and sorrow in our hearts,

All: With acts mighty and faltering,

One: With kindness and with selfishness,

All: With doubt and with faith:

One: So may we bring the fullness of our lives to God.

All: May we worship well in this beloved community today.

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

SOLO

Witness

arr. Hall Johnson

Oh, Lord, what manner of man is this? All nations in Him are blest, all things are done by His will; He spoke to the sea and the sea stood still.

Now ain't that a witness for my Lord? My soul is a witness for my Lord.

Now there was a man of the Pharisees, his name was Nicodemus and he didn't believe. The same came to Christ by night, wanted to be taught out of human sight. Nicodemus was a man desired to know how a man can be born when he is old. Christ told Nicodemus, as a friend, "Man, you must be born again. Marvel not, man, if you want to be wise, repent, believe and be baptized."

Then you'll be a witness for my Lord. Soul is a witness for my Lord.

You read about Samson, from his birth, strongest man that ever lived on earth. Way back yonder in ancient times, he killed ten thousand of the Philistines. Then old Samson went wandering about; Samson's strength was never found out, 'till his wife sat upon his knees. She said, "Tell me where your strength lies, if you please." Now Samson's wife, she talk so fair, Samson said, "Cut off my hair. Shave my head just as clean as your hand, and my strength will become like a natural man."

Old Samson was a witness for my Lord. Now that's another witness. My soul is a witness for my Lord!

Sidney Outlaw, baritone

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ms. Latoya Wilkinson

Exodus 12:1-14

(page 58 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Mr. Micah Stone

Romans 13:8-14

(page 162 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

✦HYMN 426

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

✦GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Kevin Vandiver

Matthew 18:15-20

(page 20 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

All We Need is Love

RESPONDING

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

RECEPTION OF CONFIRMANDS

Rev. Vandiver & Rev. Butler

Nyla Gordon-Crocker

Emery Smith

Mara Landers

Micah Stone

Jessye Salmon

Latoya Wilkinson

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. Dr. Andrea White

OFFERTORY SOLO

Draw Near, All Ye People (Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn

Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that thou art God, and I am thy servant. O shew to all this people that I have done these things according thy word. O hear me, Lord, and answer me; and shew this people that thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned.

Sidney Outlaw, baritone

✚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

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✚*All who are able, please stand*

✦ RECESSIONAL HYMN 379

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Paul Manz

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Ms. Latoya Wilkinson and Mr. Micah Stone*

Liturgical Resources for Today:

ⁱ <https://holdfasttowhatisgood.com/liturgy/call-to-worship/>

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.

COLOR THIS WEEK’S PICTURES





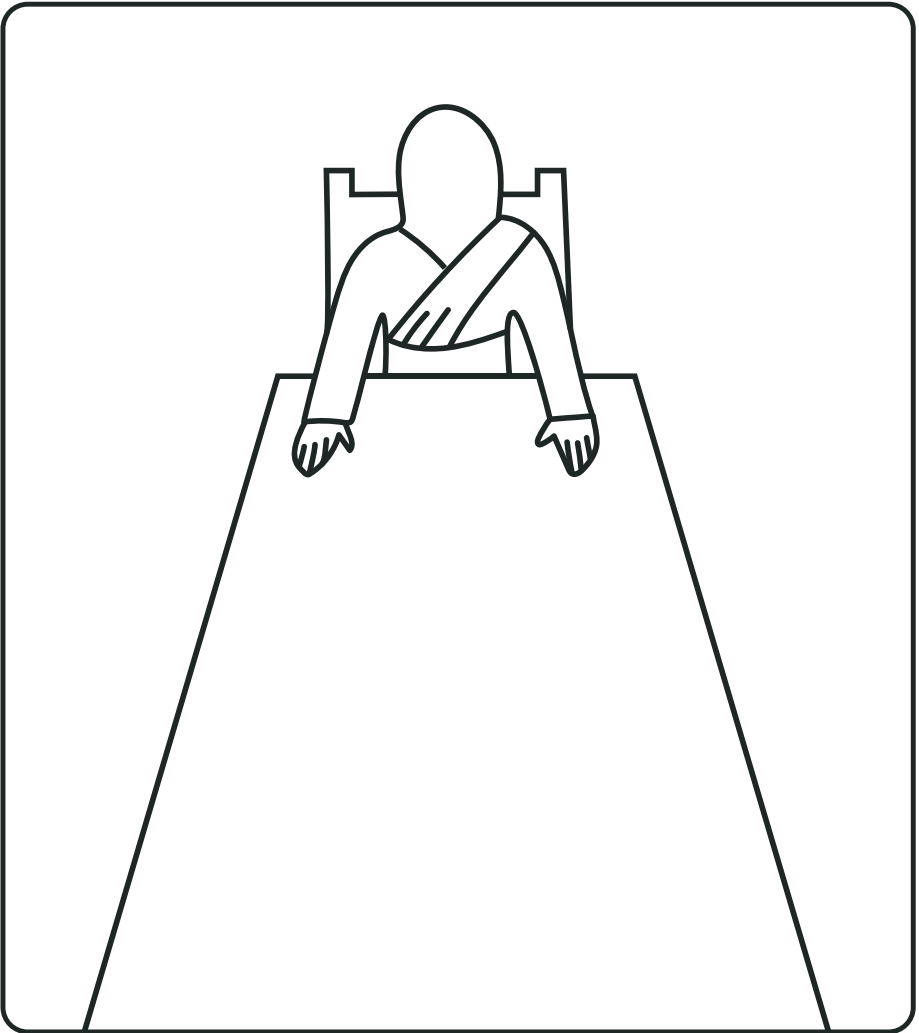
Romans 13:8-14



REVIVE
me IN
YOUR
WAYS

FINISH the DRAWING

In Matthew 18, Jesus says, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Draw yourself sitting at the table and some of the people who encourage you the most in your relationship with Jesus. Include Jesus at the table as a reminder to you of his presence with you at all times.



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.
Please email sminister@trcnc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an appointment.

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PARKING - 9/10/2017

Parking is available in the garage below the building. Present this bulletin to the attendant before 6:00 p.m. for a reduced rate of \$4.00 cash or \$5.00 credit card.



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