

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



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OCTOBER 15, 2017

NINETEENTH 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:

“As a way of life, an act of love, an expression of faith, our hospitality reflects and anticipates God’s welcome. Simultaneously costly and wonderfully rewarding, hospitality often involves small deaths and little resurrections. By God’s grace we can grow more willing, more eager, to open the door to a needy neighbor, a weary sister or brother, a stranger in distress. Perhaps as we open that door more regularly, we will grow increasingly sensitive to the quiet knock of angels. In the midst of a life-giving practice, we too might catch glimpses of Jesus who asks for our welcome and welcomes us home.”

– *Christine Pohl*

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: Ein feste Burg

Albert Gerken

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Sheep May Safely Graze

J. S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

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✚CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Jim Keat

One: God has shown us what is good, so what then is required of us?

All: To do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

One: Jesus says: Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me.

All: We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community. All are welcome. Come let us worship!

✚INVOCATION

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Psalm 23

Bobby McFerrin

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need, She makes me lie down in green meadows, beside the still waters, She will lead. She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs, She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs. Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shake me, She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand... Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, and to the Holy of Holies, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world, without end. Amen.

✚*All who are able, please stand*

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Michael Livingston and Ms. Anita Bryant

The People: We welcome you with joy and friendship into the common life of The Riverside Church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's love and grace and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

"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. Jocardo Ralston and Rev. Keat

Exodus 32:1-14

(page 78 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Ms. Mari Satterlee

Philippians 4:1-13

(page 198 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 436

We Are Your People

Whitfield

†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Bertram Johnson

Matthew 22:1-14

(page 24 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Amy Butler

Wedding Crashers

†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. 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.

CHORAL 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 ANTHEM

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Barrie Cabena

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all. The Lord is at hand. In nothing be anxious but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

†*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. B. Johnson

Today we celebrate the work of our Food Pantry Ministry which opens our doors to the community Tuesday through Friday to provide food for our neighbors needing assistance.

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Lauda Anima

POSTLUDE

Toccata from “Plymouth Suite”

Marion

†*All who are able, please stand*

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Mr. Jocardo Ralston and Ms. Mari Satterlee*

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.

FLOWER GIFT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

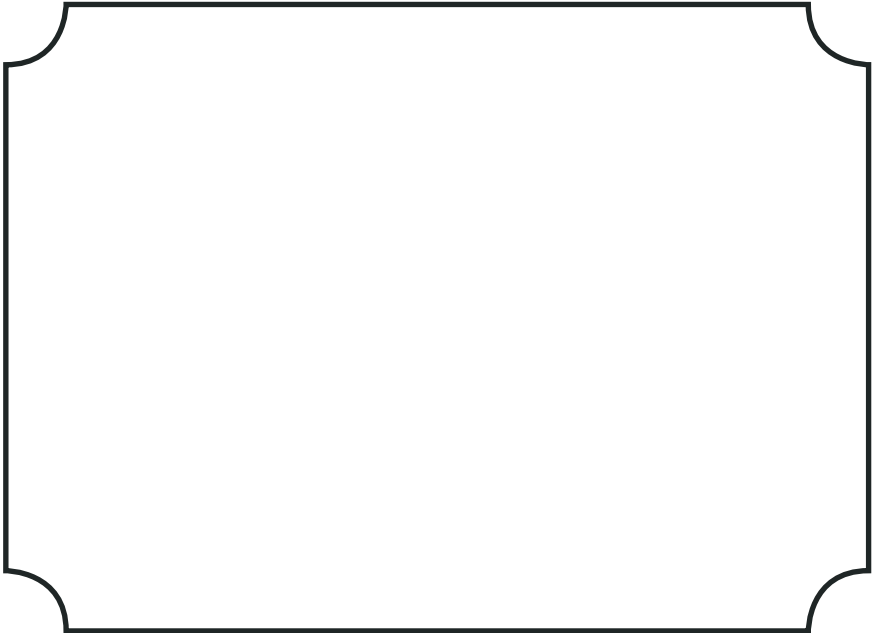
The flowers in the sanctuary today were given by Julian Suez in loving memory of Rhoda How.

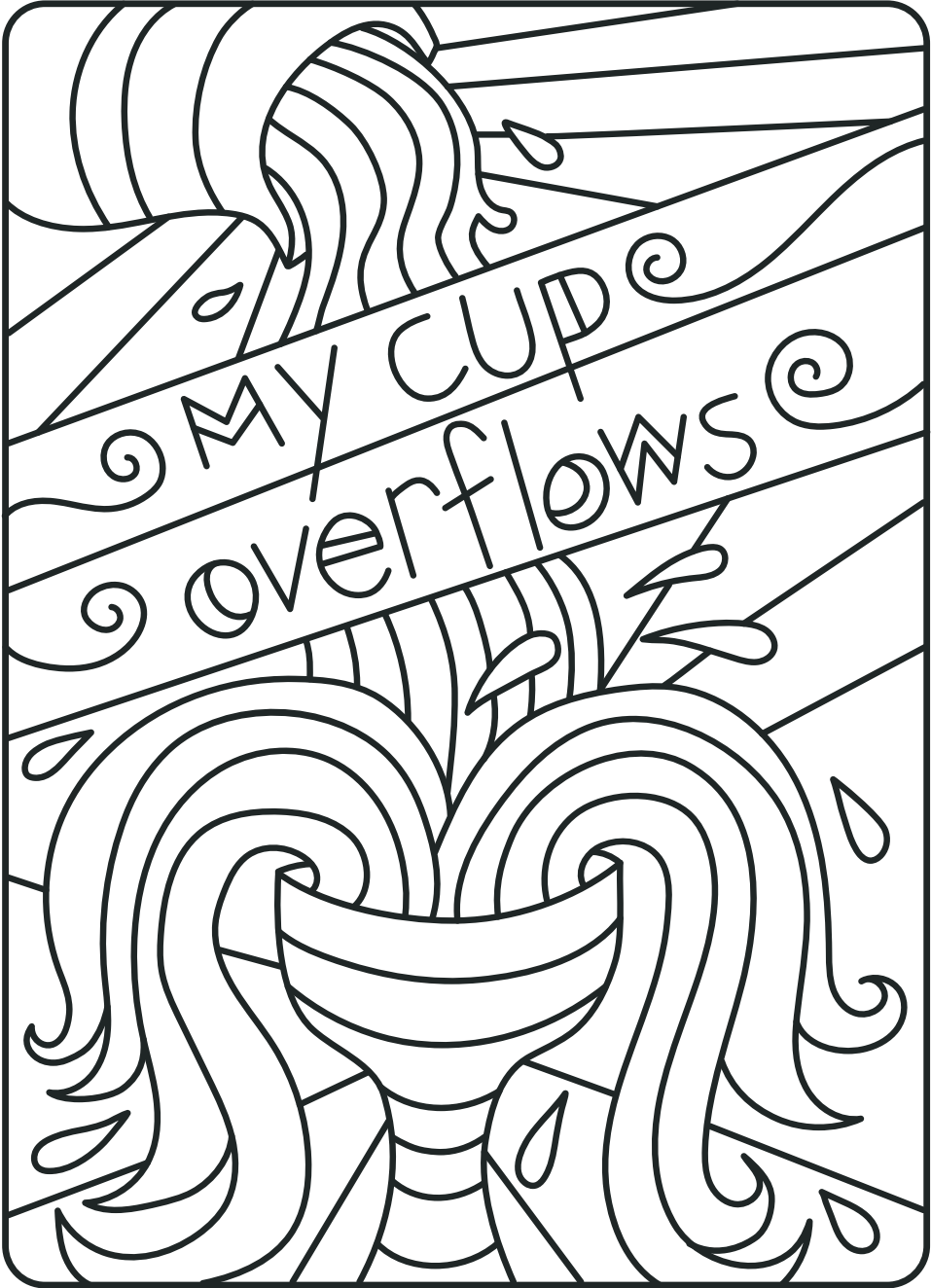
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A Teaching Moment – please enjoy these activities for our “younger” family members as we worship together.

CREATIVE DRAWING

In Exodus 32, God's people make a golden statue to worship instead of worshiping God. This makes God's heart extremely sad, and makes Moses very angry. Maybe many of us don't make statues to worship today, but we can still worship other things in our lives instead of loving God the most. **Draw a picture of something people often worship today instead of God.**





GOD'S STEADFAST
ENDURES





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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PARKING - 10/15/2017

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