

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



Weekday School, ages 4 & 5

OCTOBER 22, 2017
CHILDREN'S SABBATH SUNDAY

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:

“It is the responsibility of every adult... to make sure that children hear what we have learned from the lessons of life and to hear over and over that we love them and that they are not alone.”

– *Marian Wright Edelman*

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: Gavotte Pastorale

Leon Henry

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Aria

Gaston-Marie Dethier

Prelude on "The Ash Grove"

David Cherwien

ANTHEM

We are the Church

Cherub Choir

Sharon Pritchard, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

✚PROCESSIONAL HYMN 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

✚CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come as a child, full of wonder and hope.

All: We come as children of the light.

One: Come as a child, bubbling over with curiosity and questions.

All: We come as children eager to learn.

One: Come as a child with an open heart and unbridled joy.

All: We come as God's beloved children to worship this day!

✚INVOCATION

✚*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEMS

A Peaceful Alleluia

Jean Anne Shafferman

Alleluia, sing alleluia, sing, O sing alleluia. Peace, peace, O sing of peace. Alleluia.

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

Spiritual, arr. John Helgen

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work is almost done. Children, don't get weary, for this work is almost done. Darker midnight lies before us, for this work is almost done. Lo, the morning soon is breaking, for this work is almost done. Children, don't get weary, for this work is almost done. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work is almost done.

The Rising Voices

Matthew Hommez, director

Christopher Creaghan, accompanist

A TEACHING MOMENT

Ms. Mandy Meisenheimer, Ms. Victoria Anderson & Ms. Charmae Lewis

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mr. Ed Lewis

Exodus 33:12-23

(page 80 in the Old Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON from *Common English Bible*

Jiayre Potter

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

(page 203 in the New Testament)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

✚HYMN 216

O Sing a New Song to the Lord

Gonfalon Royal

✚All who are able, please stand

✚ **GOSPEL LESSON from *The Message***

Ryan-Michelle Woodford

Matthew 22:15-22

(page 24 in the New Testament)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Dr. Marian Wright Edelman

RESPONDING

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

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.

CHORAL AMEN

✚ **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

BLESSING OF OUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS

Rev. Kevin Wright & Rev. Butler

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

✚ INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Wright

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Anna Laura Page

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them ev'ry one. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

The Riverside Rising Voices and The Riverside Choir

Lisa Johnson, flute

✚ 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

Ms. Meisenheimer

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Riverside Kids Worship which provides a sacred space for children to connect with God in song, in movement, in art, and in storytelling.

SENDING

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

✚ BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✚ RECESSIONAL HYMN 354

Guide My Feet

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POSTLUDE

Great Day, the Righteous Marchin'

William Farley Smith

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

DR. MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN

Dr. Marian Wright Edelman, the founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund, has been an advocate for disadvantaged Americans her entire professional life. Under her leadership, CDF has become the nation's strongest voice for children and families. Mrs. Edelman, a graduate of Spelman College and Yale Law School, began her career in the mid-60s when, as the first Black woman admitted to the Mississippi Bar, she directed the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund office in Jackson, Mississippi. In 1968, she moved to Washington, D.C., as counsel for the Poor People's Campaign and also founded the Washington Research Project, a public interest law firm and the parent body of the Children's Defense Fund.

She has received over a hundred honorary degrees and many awards including the Albert Schweitzer Humanitarian Prize, the Heinz Award, and a MacArthur Foundation Prize Fellowship. In 2000, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, and the Robert F. Kennedy Lifetime Achievement Award for her writings which include: *Families in Peril: An Agenda for Social Change*; *Guide My Feet: Meditations and Prayers on Loving and Working for Children*; and *The Sea Is So Wide and My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation*.

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Mr. Ed Lewis, Jiayre Potter, and Ryan-Michelle Woodford*

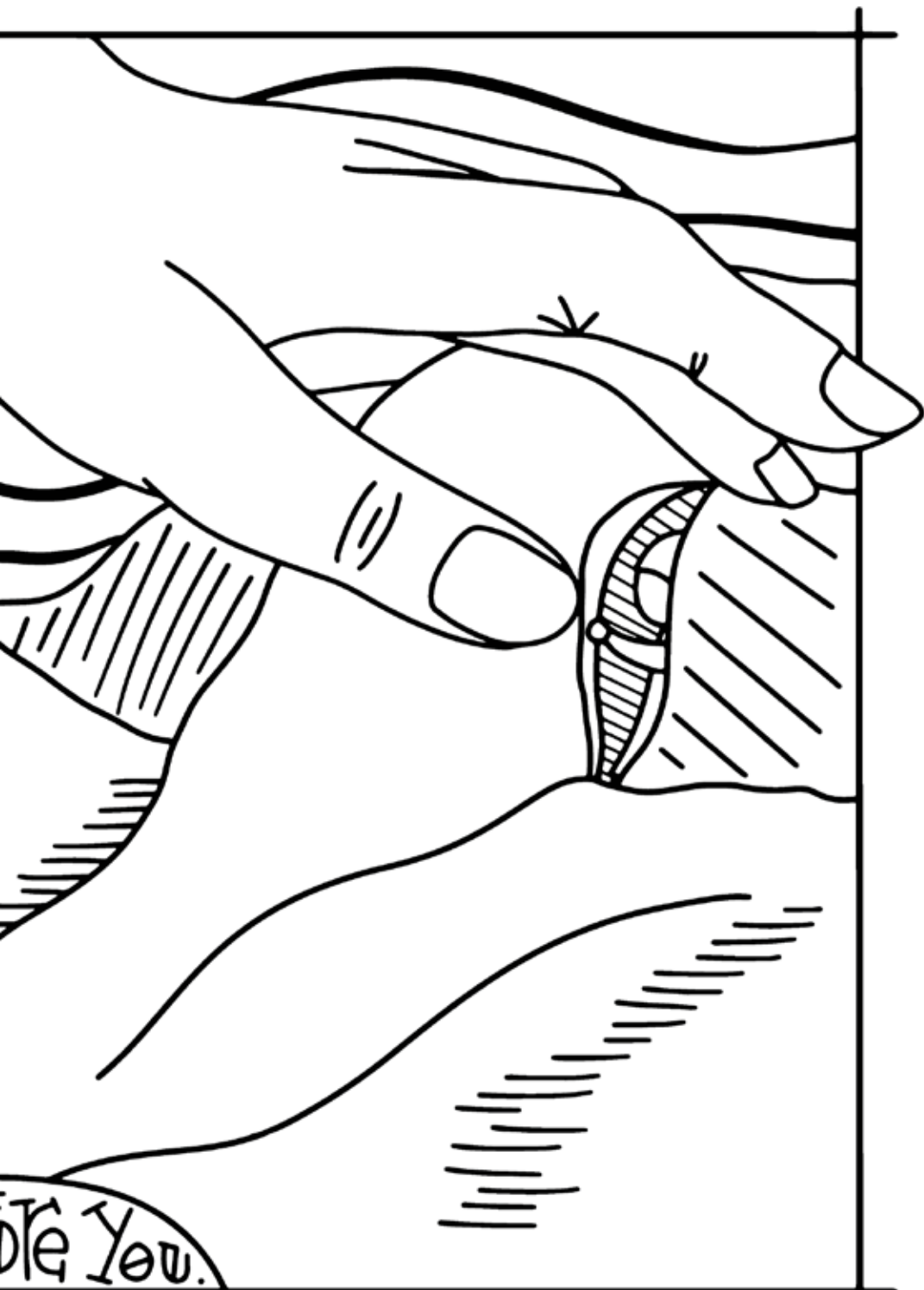
LIFE OF OUR COMMUNITY

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.

†All who are able, please stand



I WILL
MAKE ALL
MY GODNESS PASS BEFORE



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What does Jesus ask the Pharisees to look at and hold up when they ask Jesus about paying taxes?



“Moving Forward with Hope: Love and Justice for Every Child” 2017 National Observance of Children’s Sabbaths Celebration

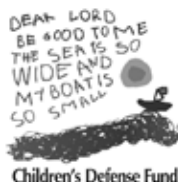
In our rich nation
one out of every five children
lives in poverty.
One out of every five children
isn’t getting a Fair Start in life...
 too often lacking the nutrition,
 safe housing, good quality child care,
 health care, and other necessities to thrive.

We can change that.
But it will take all of us
working with hope,
 not fear, not guilt, not despair
 and the conviction that every child
 deserves love and justice.

On the National Observance of Children’s Sabbaths weekend, across our nation people of every faith tradition are raising our voices in hope and commitment to move forward to end child poverty and assure love and justice for all children.

The Children’s Defense Fund’s report *Ending Child Poverty* now shows that, contrary to what some believe, we do not have to accept having the second highest child poverty rate among advanced economies. For the first time, this report shows how we can shrink overall child poverty by 60 percent, Black child poverty by 72 percent, rural child poverty by 68 percent, and improve the economic circumstances of 97 percent of poor children, simply by investing more in programs that work like the Earned Income Tax Credit, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, housing subsidies, subsidized jobs, the Child Tax Credit, child care subsidies and others.

Read the report at www.endingchildpovertynow.org and spread the word about its important findings. You can also sign up to receive updates on how you can support CDF’s work to end child poverty.



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 srminister@trcnyc.org or call 212-870-6775 to arrange an 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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