

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



FEBRUARY 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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:

“Wildernesses come in so many shapes and sizes that the only way you can really tell you are in one is to look around for what you normally count on to save your life and come up empty. No food. No earthly power. No special protection--just a Bible-quoting devil and a whole bunch of sand.”

– *Barbara Brown Taylor*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Lent, a period of forty days leading to Easter marked by repentance and reflection on everything in our lives that separates us from God. The liturgical color of Lent is purple as signified by the paraments, wall hanging, and clergy stoles (excepting communion Sundays when clergy wear white stoles).

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 Assembly Hall directly after Worship. 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

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Prelude on “Wondrous Love”

Craig Phillips

ANTHEM

Take a Little Love and Pass It

*Cherub Choir
Sharon Pritchard, director*

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

+ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt uns, Herr

+ CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Charlene Wingate

One: Prepare us for our Lenten journey, O God;

**All: give us the courage to venture into the challenging places
of heart and spirit.**

One: Come with us on our Lenten journey, O God;

All: strengthen us that we might learn and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

One: Join us with others on our Lenten journey, O God;

**All: in faithful solidarity, we will search out dark forces of oppression
and defeat them in the light of Christ.**

One: Be with us at the end of our Lenten journey, O God;

**All: that at the foot of the cross we might look up
and understand the gift of your love.**

+ INVOCATION

+ *All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

I Will Praise You, Lord

Susan Naylor Callaway

Lord, you are God and I will praise You; Lord, you are God and I will exalt You; Lord, You are God and I will adore You. I'll sing songs of praise to You. I will praise You, Lord, for You have become my salvation. For You are my strength and song, my song. Lord, You are God and my heart will adore You; Lord, You are God and my hands will applaud You; Lord, You are God and my voice will exalt You. I'll sing songs of praise to You!

Set Down Servant

Spiritual arr. Roger Emerson

Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a pair of shoes. Go yonder angel, fetch me some shoes, and place them on-a my servant's feet. Now servant, please set down! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you know you promised me, a long white robe and a starry crown. Go yonder angel, fetch me a crown and place it on-a my servant's head. Now servant, please set down! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set down. My Lord, you've been so good to me. My soul has been set free! Set down servant, I can't set down. My soul's so happy that I can't set, not yet, won't set down. I can't set down!

*The Rising Voices Choir
Matthew Hommez, director
Yuliya Basis, accompanist*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS Rev. Michael Livingston & Anita Bryant

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.*

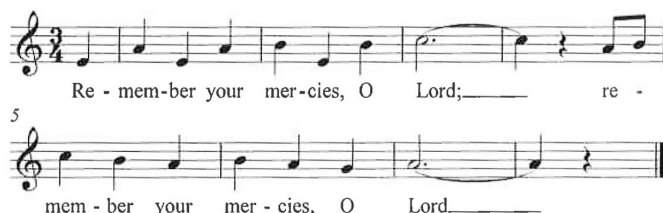
A MOMENT FOR LENT

Rev. Ellen Robison

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 25

Michael Joncas



Tammy Mesic, cantor

+All who are able, please stand

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and Loving God,

as we enter this Lenten season, we are reminded of our frailty
and our need for your strength.

We ask your forgiveness when we succumb to the temptations around us.

We ask your forgiveness when we fail to look beyond our own desires
to the

needs of your children.

We ask for your presence in our wilderness wanderings.

Guide us as we seek to follow you in a world of changing rules. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

+ PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

+ HYMN

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Land of Rest

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Cheryl Parham

Genesis 9:8-17

(page 7 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Forrest Taylor

1 Peter 3:13-22

(page 234 in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

+ HYMN 72

When Jesus Came to Jordan

De eersten zijn de laatsten

+ GOSPEL LESSON

Charlene Wingate

Mark 1:9-15

(page 34 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

+ *All who are able, please stand*

SERMON

Rev. Butler

It's a New Dawn, It's a New Day, It's a New Life....

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Livingston

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: 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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Robison

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Raymond H. Haan

Lord Jesus, think on me and purge away my sin; From earth-born passions set me free and make me pure within. Lord Jesus, think on me with many a care oppressed; Let me thy loving servant be and taste thy promised rest. Lord Jesus, think on me amid the battle's strife; In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life. Lord Jesus, think on me nor let me go astray; Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. Lord Jesus, think on me when floods the tempest high; When on doth rush the enemy, O Savior, be thou nigh! Lord Jesus, think on me that, when the flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see and share thy joy at last. Amen.

✚ AT THE PRESENTATION: THE DOXOLOGY

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the 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.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

+ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Robison

Today we celebrate the ministry of Maranatha, which is committed to serving God by fostering greater understanding and promoting equity for the LGBTQ community.

SENDING

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

+ BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

+ RECESSIONAL HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Rathbun

POSTLUDE

Intermezzo, from Symphonie VI

Charles-Marie Widor

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*Feasting on the Word, Worship Companion, Year B, Kimberly B. Long, editor*

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Cheryl Parham, Forrest Taylor and Charlene Wingate

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.



DRAW IT

Two large, empty rectangular boxes with a decorative border of small squares at the corners, intended for drawing. The boxes are side-by-side and occupy the middle section of the page.

Genesis 9 tells the story of God making a beautiful promise: a rainbow in the sky as a reminder that God would protect the world God had created, including Noah and his family. It reminds us we have a God who loves us and wants to be in good connection with us. In the first box, draw what you imagine this looked like for God to make a rainbow in the sky before Noah. In the second box, draw what you would give someone as a sign of your promise to them.

WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Mark 1 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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JESUS

GOD

NAZARETH

GALILEE

BAPTIZE

JOHN

JORDAN

WATER

HEAVEN

SPIRIT

DOVE

SON

BELOVED

WILDERNESS

ANGEL

KINGDOM

REPENT

BELIEVE



AND IT SHALL
BE THE COVENANT
BETWEEN ME AND THE EARTH.



Genesis 9:8-17

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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