

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



APRIL 22, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
CREATION 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:

You alone are unutterable,
from the time you created all things that can be spoken of.
You alone are unknowable, from the time you created all things
that can be known.

All things cry out about you; those which speak,
and those which cannot speak.

All things honor you; those which think,
and those which cannot think.

For there is one longing, one groaning,
that all things have for you...

All things pray to you that comprehend
your plan and offer you a silent hymn.

In you, the One, all things abide,
and all things endlessly run to you
who are the end of all.

– *St. Gregory Nazianzen, c.330-389*

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 Eastertide, a period of 50 days following the resurrection of Jesus Christ until Pentecost. The liturgical color of Eastertide is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over sin and death, as signified by the paraments and clergy 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 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

Medley on Bach

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

Joop Stokker

ORGAN

Andante, from Symphonie No. 1

Louis Vierne

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 376

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrydol

+CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 23

Minister Derrick Jordan

One: Praise to the Lord our shepherd,
who gives us all we need for life.

**All: We are fed in green pastures;
we are washed in the calm waters of God's goodness.**

One: God leads us on the path to life
and comforts us in the darkest valley.

**All: The Lord spreads a table for us before our enemies
and anoints us with healing oil.**

One: The cup of God's blessing overflows for us;
God restores our life.

All: We will dwell in God's house our whole life long. Alleluia!

+INVOCATION

+*All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Cornerstone

Shawn Kirchner

O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.
A grain of wheat may be knocked to the ground and suffer through the winter's cold, only to rise right up again and bear its seed a thousandfold. Never can our journey fail; a little child will lead the way, whose eyes are filled with a shining light, to whom the night is bright as day. The love that rolls the stone away gives us life that we may sing "Grave, where is thy victory? Death, o death, where is thy sting?" O the stone that the builders rejected became the cornerstone of a whole new world.

The Riverside Inspirational Choir

Nedra Olds-Neal, director

Linda Childs, mezzo soprano

David Vaughn, tenor

Nancy Clark, May Pinkett, Cheryl Rogers,

Stephanie Rooker, and Sandy Thomas, soprano soloists

Matt King, piano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

Merciful God,

**When we stray from your ways and listen to other voices,
you find us and bring us back:**

**forgive us when we cling to possessions
and neglect those in need;**

forgive us when we fail to act for the good of all;

forgive us when we abuse your beautiful creation;

forgive us when we hesitate to welcome those who are different.

Help us to stand before you as one body, one people,

healed by Jesus's wounds,

and trusting in his name alone. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Carolyn Bland

Acts 4:5-12

(page 121 in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Steve Knight

1 John 3:16-24

(page 240 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Resignation

+GOSPEL LESSON

Minister Jordan

John 10:11-18

(page 103 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Fooled by the Past

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Kevin Wright

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

+*All who are able, please stand*

✚ PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Wright

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Harper

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lord is My Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. She shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for her Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

✚ 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.

✚ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. Harper

Today we celebrate the ministry of Riverside's Beloved Earth Community, which knows that protecting the earth starts with us: one individual, one group, one congregation at a time. We can be the change that starts us on a path to sustainability.

✚ *All who are able, please stand*

SENDING

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

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 297

O Lord of Every Shining Constellation

Vicar

POSTLUDE

Fugue on "O Sons and Daughters"

Jean Langlais

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS JOINING CLASS OF
APRIL 15, 2018:

Jewel Clarke
Matthew Marrero
Nakia Prileau

The flowers on the altar are given by the Flower Guild in honor of Vera Smith who for more than twenty years has given tirelessly and lovingly to Riverside as the church florist. Under her leadership, the congregation has enjoyed immensely her floral arrangements not only at Easter and Christmas, but on the many Sundays throughout the years. The Guild is proud to share in honoring Vera today.

*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Carolyn Bland and Steve Knight*

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.

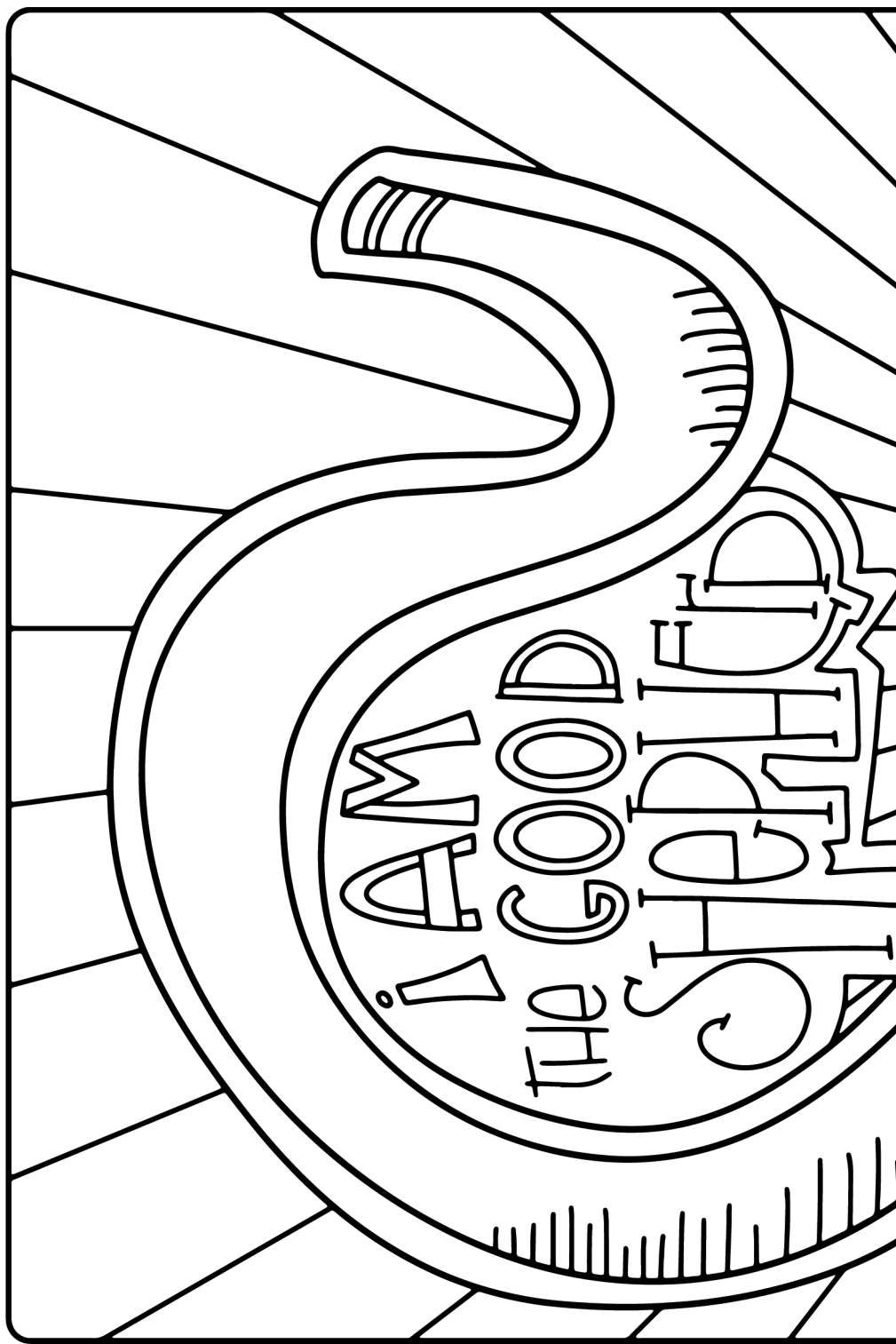
WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 23 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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Q	J	G	I	K	A	A	O	E	P	N	Z	V	U	Q
W	U	V	X	M	T	R	Z	X	S	B	Z	S	G	P

LORD	PATHS	ENEMIES
SHEPHERD	VALLEY	CUP
GREEN	ROD	OIL
PASTURES	STAFF	GOODNESS
WATERS	COMFORT	MERCY
SOUL	TABLE	HOUSE







John 10:11-18

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 - 4/22/2018

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