

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

FOOLED

APRIL 8, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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:

“Faith is taking the first step even when you can’t see the whole staircase.”

– *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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 the first Grateful Gathering of 2018 in South Hall 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. We hope you’ll join us for this time of fellowship, food, and fun!

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

Mors et resurrectio (Op. 5, No. 1)

Jean Langlais

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 112

Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

Christ ist erstanden

† CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Minister Christian Peele

One: Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen, indeed.

One: God is alive...

All: New birth is given.

One: Hope is alive...

All: A new age is dawning.

One: Joy is alive...

All: Redemption is here.

One: Love is alive...

All: Death cannot harm us.

One: We are alive...

All: New life is within us.

One: The church is alive...

All: God's spirit is within us.

God of life, we worship you.

God of revelation, we learn from you.

God of resurrection, we come to celebrate you.

† INVOCATION

† *All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

This Joyful Eastertide

Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow. My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen. My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber: till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus cross'd the river: lover of souls from ill my passing soul deliver.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister Peele

**Just and faithful God, if we say we have no sin,
we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.**

**We know your love alone lights up the night,
and yet we are caught in the glare of distractions;
we fail to listen to those who saw Jesus and believed;
we do not live together in unity and love for one another.**

Forgive us and cleanse us;

keep your word in us for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

Rev. Butler

Julio Quirindongo

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Michael Livingston

Hannah Edwards
Hayden Edwards
Lavie Forteau

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Christian Rojas

Acts 4:32-35

(page 122 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Pat Pell

1 John 1:1-2:5

(page 238 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Dustin Pickett

John 20:19-31

(page 115 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Livingston

Post Resurrection Peace

RESPONDING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Butler

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Pickett

Gratitude Prayer

One: Gracious God, you are the source of all good things.
In you we know life, generosity, compassion, and love.

All: **All-giving Christ, inspire us with your example of joyful sacrifice. May thanksgiving and celebration for our giving and serving remind us of your resurrection life.**

One: Creating Spirit, breathe life into the seeds of gratitude we offer as gifts to you. Bring forth a blossom of joy, healing, justice, and love for the world.

All: **Triune and eternal One, knit us together, givers and receivers, in a web of loving community. Bless the gifts of all people and in all Creation. Amen.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Heart's Offering

Southern Hymn Tune, arr. A. Baldwin

As I rise with the dawn, may my soul be reborn; Take this heart all forlorn, and refresh me in the morn. Alleluia! In the warmth of the day I consider thy way, may thy love ever stay in my heart, O Lord, I pray. In the still of the night, as I think on the light in my heart burning bright, keep me precious in thy sight. God of each living thing, bless the gift that we bring. Take our hearts' offering while in joyful praise we sing. Alleluia!

†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. Pickett

Today we celebrate the ministry of the Sharing & Densford Funds, which offer grants to ministries around the world, so that all people may know safety, have access to education, clean drinking water, and live each day knowing their worth in God's beloved community.

†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 118**

The Day of Resurrection!

Lancashire

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Christopher Tambling

Liturgical Resources for Today:

lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

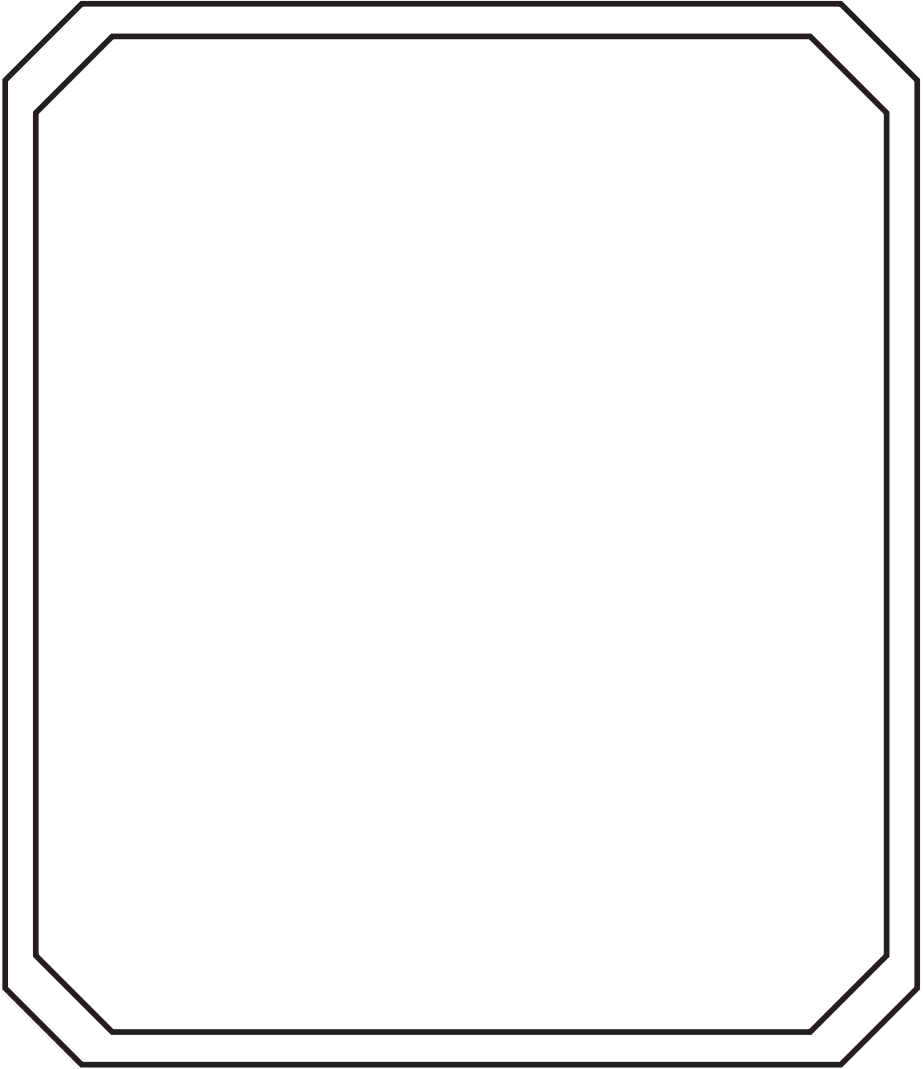
Christian Rojas and Pat Pell

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



Acts 4 describes the early church and how no one needed anything because everyone shared what they had. People shared their food, their money, the stuff they owned, and no one was left out. What a beautiful picture of how God wants us to live! **Draw what you imagine this looked like to share everything.**

UNSCRAMBLE IT

Unscramble the words from John 20. What did Jesus say to his disciples when he saw them for the first time after rising from the dead?

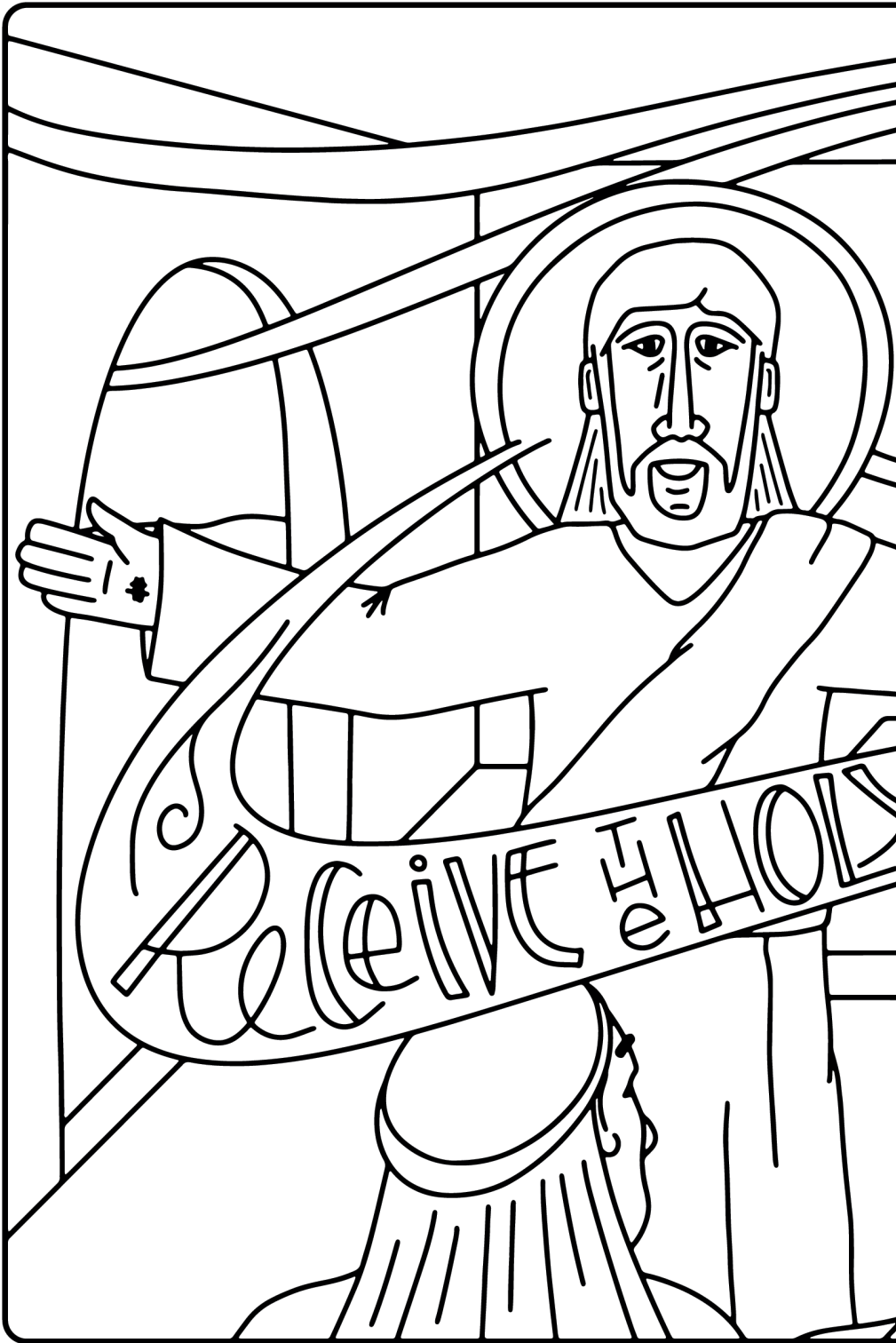
AEPCE EB

-----!
IWTH OYU!

SA TEH ATFEHR

-----,
AHS ESNT EM,

-----.
I MA SNDENGI OYU.





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.

CONNECT WITH RIVERSIDE'S PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF

Senior Minister's Office

Rev. Dr. Amy Butler

Senior Minister - abutler@trcnyc.org

Rev. Michael Livingston

Senior Executive Minister -
mlivingston@trcnyc.org

Rev. Dr. James Forbes

Senior Minister Emeritus

Communications

Rev. Rachel Johnson

Executive Minister of Communications -
rjohnson@trcnyc.org

Rev. Jim Keat

Associate Minister of Digital Strategy & Online
Engagement - jkeat@trcnyc.org

Faith Formation

Rev. Kevin Wright

Executive Minister of Programs -
kwright@trcnyc.org

Amanda Meisenheimer, MDiv

Associate Minister of Children and Families -
mmeisenheimer@trcnyc.org

Rev. Bruce Lamb

Interim Associate Minister of Youth and Young
Adults - blamb@trcnyc.org

Music

Christopher Johnson

Director of Music and Organist -
cjohnson@trcnyc.org

Christopher Creaghan

Associate Organist -
ccreaghan@trcnyc.org

Parish Care

Rev. Debra Northern

Minister of Parish Care - dnorthern@trcnyc.org

Rev. Lynn Casteel-Harper

Associate for Parish Care - lharp@trcnyc.org

Social Justice

Rev. Bertram Johnson

Minister of Justice, Advocacy & Change -
bjohnson@trcnyc.org

Jade DeSaussure

Program Manager for Social Justice -
jdesaussure@trcnyc.org

Stewardship & Development

Min. Christian Peele

Executive Minister of Institutional
Advancement - cpeele@trcnyc.org

Farley Lord, MTS

Associate Minister of Stewardship &
Development - flord@trcnyc.org

Rev. Dustin Pickett

Associate Minister of Stewardship &
Development - dpickett@trcnyc.org

Worship & the Arts

Rev. Ellen Robison

Minister of Worship & the Arts -
erobison@trcnyc.org

CONTACT US:

To contact the church with general
questions, call 212-870-6700 or email
communications@trcnyc.org.

For full staff directory visit trcnyc.org/directory

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.



trcnyc.org

PARKING - 4/8/2018

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 \$5.00.



THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH
IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK