The Riverside Church
in the City of New York

MAY 20, 2018
PENTECOST SUNDAY
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:

Perplexing, Pentecost God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Riverside Church follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today we celebrate Pentecost, signified by red paraments and clergy stoles. Red symbolizes the tongues of fire that descended upon the disciples when the Holy Spirit came upon them as described in Acts 2.

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: Intrada
Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur
Ronald Barnes

HANDBELLS
Contemplation
Laudation
The Riverside Ringers
Arnold Sherman
Cynthia Dobrinski
Daniel Potter, director

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY
Rev. Amy Butler

PRESENTATION OF THE JAMES MELVIN WASHINGTON AWARD
Frank LaMarr Boone
Campbell Emanuel, MD
Daphne Campbell

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 129
Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us
Ebenezer

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹
One: The Spirit descends like a dove,
bringing peace to unite the world
in a just and caring community.
All: The Spirit comes like a breath,
bringing life to renew the people of God.
One: The Spirit spreads like fire,
bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.
All: Spirit of the living God,
come to us and transform our lives by your power.
Come let us worship!

†INVOCATION

†All who are able, please stand
LISTENING
We listen for the word of God through song, Scripture, and preaching

ANTHEM
All Things Bright and Beautiful arr. Jane McFadden
The Riverside Ringers

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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON Rev. Bertram Johnson & Jewel Clarke
Genesis 11:1-9
(page 9 in the Old Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON Amanda Meisenheimer & Emilio Federico Mora
Romans 8:22-27
(page 158 in the New Testament)
One: The Word of God for the People of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 313
Come Down, O Love Divine Down Ampney

†GOSPEL LESSON London Potter
John 16:8-14
(page 110 in the New Testament)
One: This is the Gospel of Christ.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Butler
Best Laid Plans

†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.

FOURTH GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Amanda Meisenheimer, Alexa Donaphin & Pat Ali

We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your Church School classes and in our worship. We will learn and grow together in our faith as we read God’s Word.

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

Harrison Westbrook Gan

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

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

All who are able, please stand.
INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Offertory Anthem

Carol for Pentecost

Erik Routley

On the day of Pentecost, when the twelve assembled, on them came the Holy Ghost in fire which tongues resembled. In the power of God he came, as the Lord had told them, in his blessed holy name with wisdom to uphold them. In the Spirit then they stood to proclaim Christ dying, and that he for all our good doth live, true strength supplying. Still the might by which we live from our God descendeth, still his spirit Christ doth give, who guideth and defendeth. Praise, O praise Creator God for such grace toward us, gladly now God’s praises sing, who doth such power afford us!

†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;

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION

Rev. B. Johnson

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church School teachers, who provide our children with wisdom and inspiration for their faith journeys, and demonstrate to all of us how to serve our youngest siblings in Christ.

Sending

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

†Benediction

Rev. Butler

†Recessional Hymn 131

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow

Aberystwyth

Postlude

Fanfare to the Tongues of Fire²

Larry King

†All who are able, please stand
Liturgical Resources for Today:

1 UCC liturgy
2 Commissioned by The Riverside Church in 1978 for the dedication of the Trompeta Majestatis.

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Jewel Clarke, Emilio Federico Mora, London Potter, Harrison Westbrook Gan & Kanyon Lewis, banner carrier

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.trcny.org.
Romans 8 says, "hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." Draw a picture here of something you are waiting for or hoping for right now. As you draw, think about how God is with you while you wait and that God has good things planned for you.
YOU SEND FORTH YOUR SPIRIT
Acts 2:1-21
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 - 5/20/2018

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