

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MAY 27, 2018
TRINITY SUNDAY
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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:

“This is the language of shared love, a community in which that love is expansive and generous. It is a love that cannot be self-contained, but overflows from Father to Son to Spirit and back again in a graceful, dynamic and deeply intimate dance.”

– 12th century scholar Richard St. Vincent

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. Today is Trinity Sunday and the liturgical color is white, which symbolizes the hope of the resurrection, as well as purity and completeness, 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

Meditation: Fanfare on: America

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

Leen 't Hart

ORGAN

Fugue in E-Flat Major (BWV 552)

J. S. Bach

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

† CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rev. Ellen Robison

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

**All: Let us worship the One
who spoke in the beginning
and created something out of nothing.**

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

**All: Let us worship the One
who took on the clothing of humanity
to set those who were oppressed free.**

One: Let us worship the Triune God.

**All: Let us worship the One
whose Spirit rests continually upon us,
calling us from sorrow-filled endings
to bright new beginnings.**

† INVOCATION

† *All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

Climbin' Up the Mountain

Spiritual, arr. Patsy Ford Simms

I'm climbin' up the mountain, children, gotta reach my heavenly home. I'm climbin' up and workin' harder. Lord, don't ever leave me alone. Can't you see I'm tryin' to make it each day, even though trials pass my way. I'm gonna keep on climbin' up the mountain 'till I make it on home. Oh, brother won't you help me 'cause the road is rough. The mountain is steep and the goin' gets tough. But when I see him face to face, I'm gonna shout all over the place. Oh, sister won't you help me to carry the load over the hard and the rocky road? When I arrive He'll wipe my tears away. It's gonna be a happy day!

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Jim Keat

**Holy and Triune God, you alone live in perfect relationship,
one God in three persons, mutual and loving,
ever seeking reconciliation and unity.**

**You have called us to live into your wholeness,
yet we confess that our relationships are imperfect and
we are incomplete without you.**

**We can be selfish and greedy, anxious and resenting.
We have allowed sin to drive us apart from one another
and from you.**

Forgive us and restore us.

Draw us close and bind us together in your mercy.

May we long for wholeness and peace.

**May we strive toward gratitude and grace
in the saving name of your son, Jesus Christ,
and by the working power of your Holy Spirit.**

Hear now the confessions of our hearts (*silent prayer*) Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

†*All who are able, please stand*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Robison

Isaiah 6:1-8

(page 635 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Mathieu Rollack

Romans 8:12-17

(page 158 in the New Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

†HYMN 316

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

†GOSPEL LESSON

Lakeisha McCoy

John 3:1-17

(page 93 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Leah Grundset Davis

How Can These Things Be?

RESPONDING

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

†*All who are able, please stand*

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

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Rev. Livingston

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Keat

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Clap Your Hands

John Rutter

O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody. For the Lord is high, and to be feared: God is the great King upon all the earth. God shall subdue the people under us: and the nations under our feet. She shall choose out an heritage for us: even the worship of Jacob, who was loved. God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trump. O sing praises, sing praises unto our God: O sing praises, sing praises unto our King. For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding. O clap your hands together, all ye people.

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✠ 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. Keat

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Nominating Committee, which connects members of our congregation to each other and to areas of ministry in our community where they can use their gifts in service and love.

SENDING

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

✠ BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Grundset Davis

✠ RECESSIONAL HYMN

God Our Author and Creator³

Beach Spring

**God our Author and Creator, in whose life we find our own,
make our daily witness greater, by our lives make your love known.
Help us show how love embraces those whom fear and greed downtrod;
in all yearning hearts and faces let us see a child of God.**

**Like those first apostles, Savior, give us strength to love and serve:
when our fainting spirits waver, fire our hearts and steel our nerve.
Teach us wisdom and compassion: bid our restless thoughts be still;
by your guidance help us fashion lives conformed unto your will.**

**Keep us faithful, Holy Spirit, help us bear the message true,
that at last all lands may hear it: "God is love; Christ died for you."
Join our lives in mighty chorus till we come from every place,
with all those who went before us, to the fullness of God's grace.**

POSTLUDE

Alleluia, from 'Liturgical Suite'

Victor Togni

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS JOINING CLASS OF
MAY 20, 2018:**

Zachary Blomster
Rachel Clausen
Emily Mazzola
Gabby Cudjoe Wilkes

2018 LAY LEADER ELECTION RESULTS

The Nominating Committee is proud to announce the elected lay leaders from the 2018 Elections, listed alphabetically. Please welcome your newly elected leaders to their new roles in our community:

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dr. Kurt Karandy Adams
Rev. Dr. Alan Bentz-Letts
Dr. Frank A. Nelson
Dr. Challon Perry
Christian M. Rojas

**BUDGET & PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Michael Ellis
Allen W. Kratz
Lakeisha McCoy

**MEMBERSHIP CARE &
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Patricia Pell
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Karen Diggs
Jeremiah K. Drake
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EDUCATION COMMISSION

David Jensen
Charmae Lewis
Rueben Martinez
Adelaide E. Sackeyfio
Robin Veenstra-VanderWeele

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Kevin Bentley
Eleanor (Nora) Campbell
Una Tapper

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Becca Kesting
Anna Meyer
Diana Solomon-Glover
Michael Winger

APPOINTMENT TO

CHURCH COUNCIL

Rueben Martinez – Education
Commission

Rev. Dr. Leah Grundset Davis is the co-pastor of Ravensworth Baptist Church in Annandale, Virginia. Leah has also served as the communications specialist for the Alliance of Baptists and was the Associate Minister at Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. where she served alongside Rev. Dr. Amy Butler. Leah loves all things church – the liturgical year, preaching, building community, church history, and thinking about new ways to live out our callings to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. She graduated in May 2017 with a Doctor of Ministry degree from Candler School of Theology at Emory University, focused on Baptist women preaching the Magnificat.

FLOWER ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Lorraine Burchall

In loving memory of my sister, Ruth Burchall-Sanseviro - the way she lived her life inspires me each and every day.

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹UCC.org/worship

²UCC.org/worship

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Mathieu Rollack & Lakeisha McCoy*

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.

“HOLY

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“One cried to another
holy, holy, is the
Isaiah

Holy,

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Y! "

er, and said, Holy,
e Lord of hosts"
h 6:3

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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