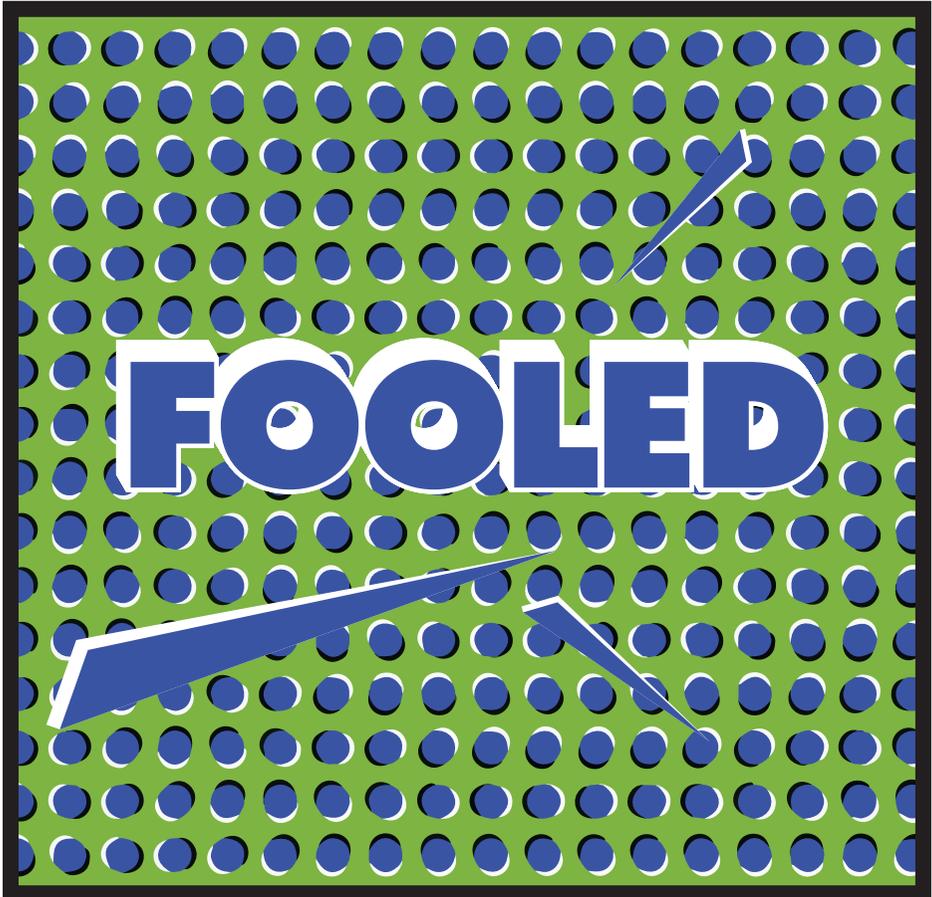


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



MAY 6, 2018
SIXTH 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:

Love is holy because it is like grace—the worthiness of its object is never really what matters.

– Marilynne Robinson

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.

Healing Prayer, typically offered the first Sunday of every month immediately following Worship, is available today. Two of Riverside's ministers will be at the front of the Nave to pray for anyone who desires it.

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: Fairest Lord Jesus

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

arr. B. Buchanan

ORGAN

Andante Sostenuto, from Symphony No. 9

Charles-Marie Widor

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN 443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

† CALL TO WORSHIP from John 15

Minister Derrick Jordan

One: Here today there is love, freely available to all.

**All: Not our human loving, fragile and conditional,
but God's supreme love.**

One: Here today is love, higher than our loftiest hopes,
deeper than the immensities of time and space,
God's inclusive love.

**All: Here today is love, for all God's people,
lived out in acts of justice and mercy.**

One: Here today is love, as we gather around the table
where Christ taught us to love one another
as he has loved us.

All: Come, let us worship in love!

† INVOCATION

† *All who are able, please stand*

LISTENING

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

ANTHEM

But These Are They/For Ye Shall Go Out with Joy

Randall Thompson

But these are they that forsake the Lord, that forget my holy mountain. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands.¹

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Rev. Debra Northern

God of compassion and mercy, you sent us your Son,

who told us to love one another as much as you love us.

Yet, we struggle to love each other.

We have a hard time loving those who are not like us,

who disagree with us, or who ask us to face the truths about ourselves.

You told us to love one another, because love is from God.

Forgive us, God, and show us how to love

the way you command us to love.

Release us from our judgment and our fear.

**Open our hearts so that they might receive your perfect love for us,
and offer it to the world.**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Tiana Hunt

Acts 10:44-48

(page 130 in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Doug Miller

1 John 5:1-6

(page 241 in the New Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

†HYMN 322

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

†GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Paul Ford

John 15:9-17

(page 109 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

Fooled by Love

RESPONDING

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

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Kevin Wright

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Let Us Love in Deed and Truth

Larry King

If you and I have the world's goods, and see our neighbors in need, yet we close our hearts against them, how does God's love abide in us? Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth. We have confidence before our God, and we receive whatever we ask, because we keep her commandments, and do what pleases her. And this is God's commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another.

✠ 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. Wright

Today we celebrate the work of the Stephen Ministry, which equips and empowers lay members to provide Christ-centered care to people in need of encouragement and support.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: O God, hear our prayer.

All: God's love endures forever.

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 THE TABLE

Rev. Butler

✠ *All who are able, please stand*

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, Rul-er Al-might - y;



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Glo-ry be to you, O God.



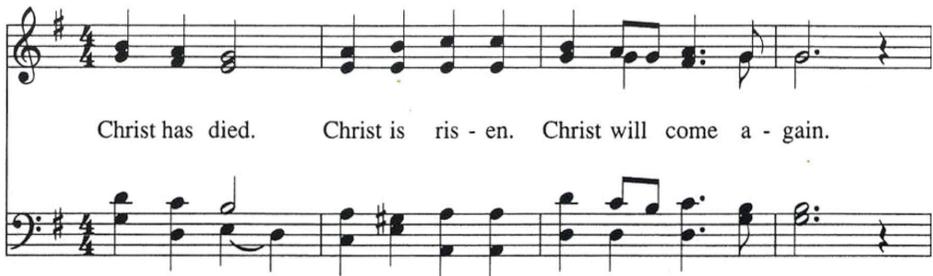
Bless-ed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

CALL TO SUPPER

One: The body of Christ, broken for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the bread of life!

One: The blood of Christ, poured out for you.

All: Thanks be to God for the cup of blessing!

A gluten-free option for communion bread is available upon request from a communion server.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ORGAN

Élévation, from Messe Basse, Opus 30
Chorale Prelude on 'Dunlap's Creek'

Louis Vierne
James Biery

CHOIR

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth.

HYMN 514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Linstead

†PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

Rev. Butler

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your love, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹From "The Peaceable Kingdom"

²liturgylink.net

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Tiana Hunt, Doug Miller, Rev. Paul Ford and Nadja Umlauf, crucifer

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.

WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from John 15 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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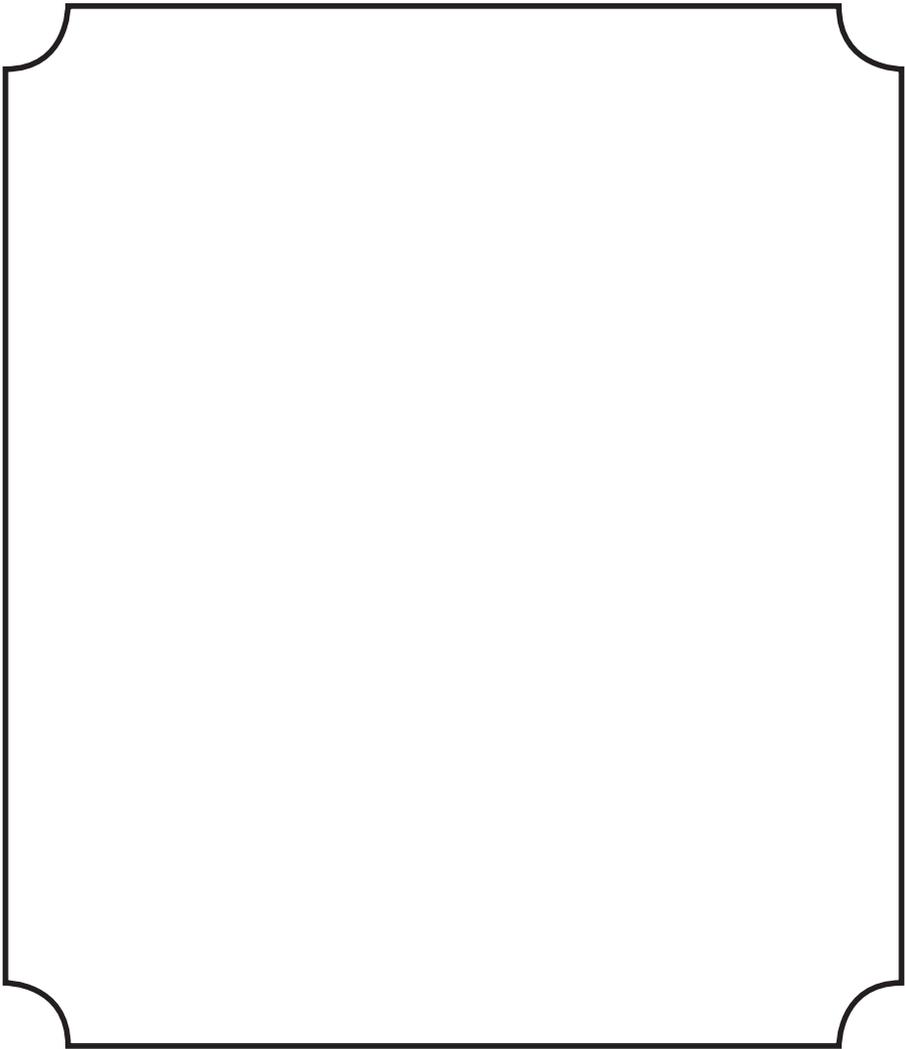
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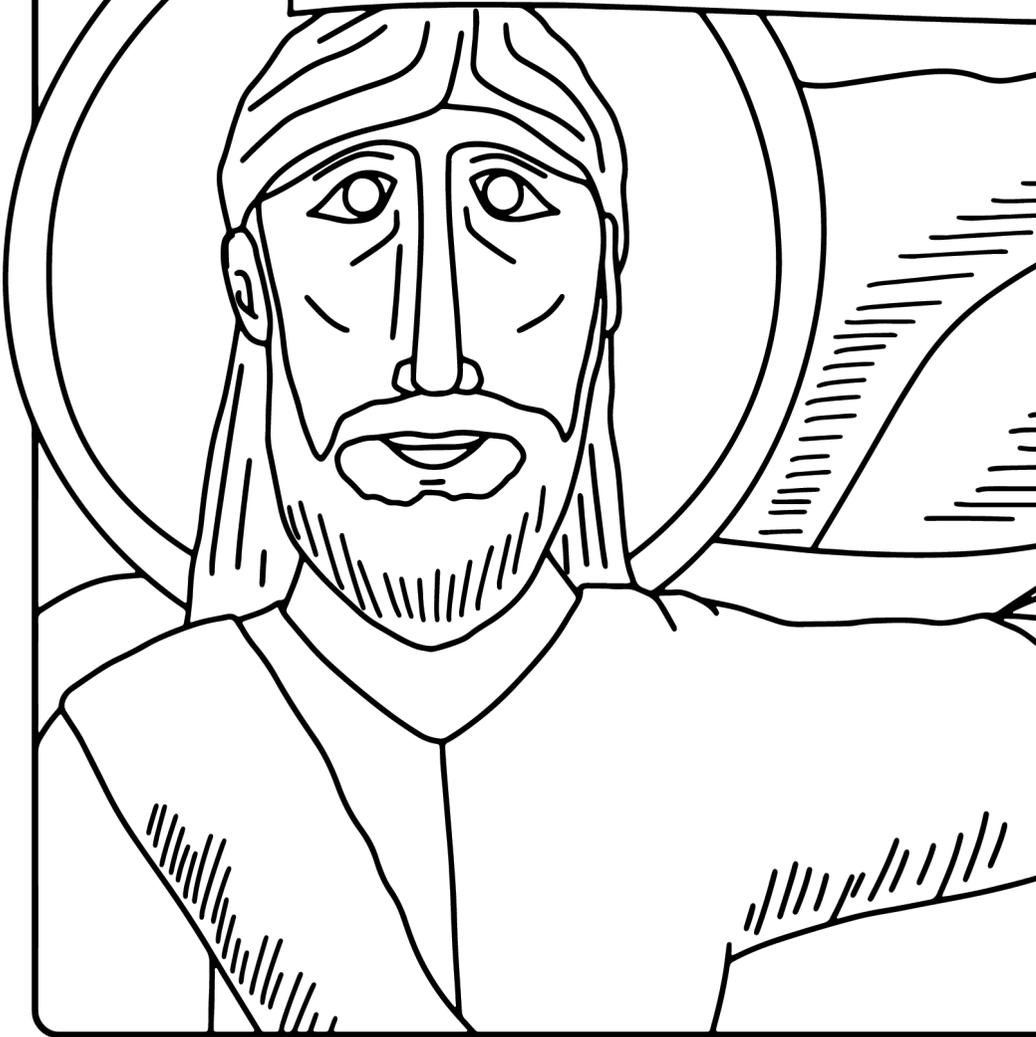


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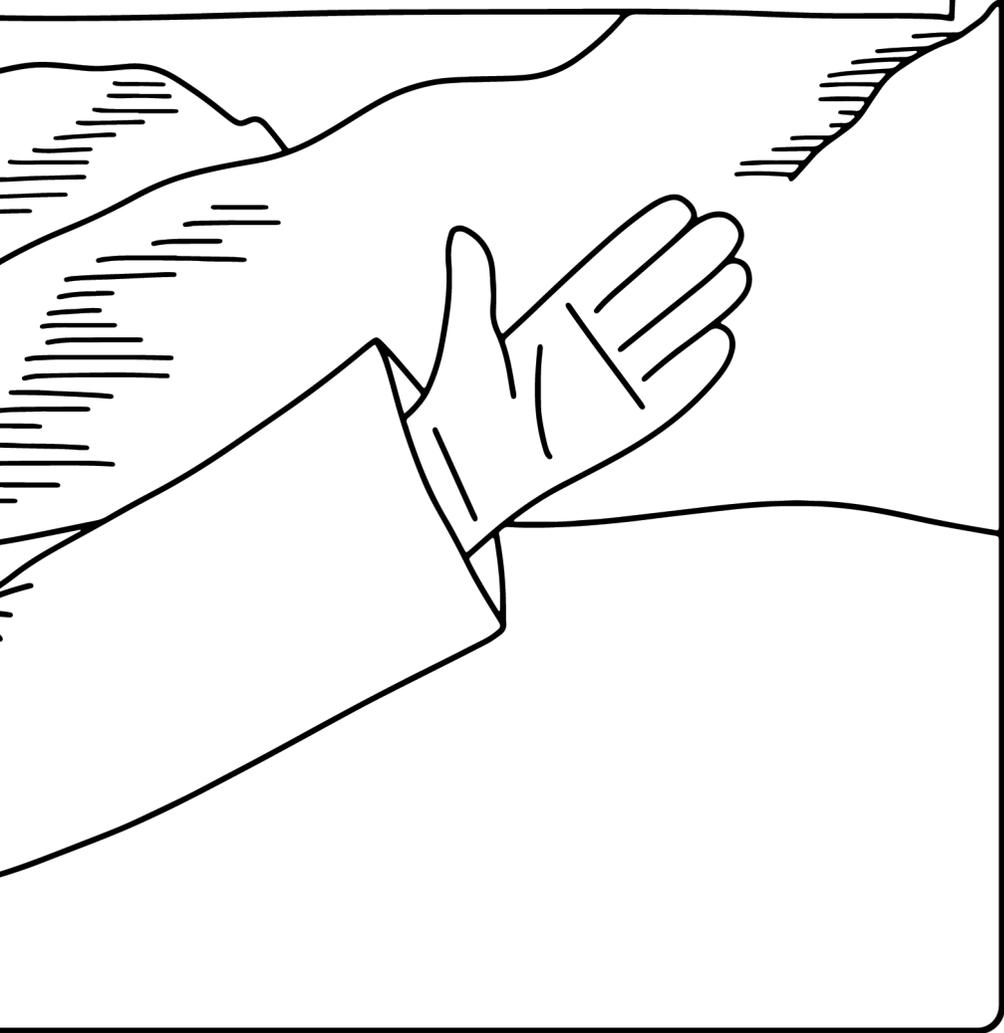


Acts 10 says that when Peter, a follower of Jesus, was speaking to a crowd, "the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word" of God. **Draw what you imagine this looked like as though you were part of the crowd!**

LOVE ON



A ANOTHER



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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