

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York

SABBATH AS...

REMEMBERING

RELATIONSHIP

RENEWAL

REEFOCUSING

RESTORATION

RADICAL WITNESSES

JULY 1, 2018
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

Sabbath as Restoration

For the next two weeks in worship we will be exploring Sabbath and the results of Sabbath keeping: restoration and radical witness. Each week you will find traditional and contemporary wisdom around the gift of Sabbath and its multi-faceted impact on the lives of God's children.

We also invite you to participate in a Sabbath Practice each week that will enrich your experience and culminate in a Shabbat meal with our Jewish siblings on Friday, July 6 in Assembly Hall. For more information on the Shabbat meal and the Sabbath series visit www.trcnyc.org/sabbath.

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"When we keep the Sabbath holy, we are practicing for a day, the freedom that God intends for all people."

- Dorothy Bass

"Sabbath observance invites us to stop. It invites us to rest. It asks us to notice that while we rest, the world continues without our help. It invites us to delight in the world's beauty and abundance."

- Wendell Berry

Sabbath Practice

Make a Sabbath box. When you set aside time for Sabbath - whether it is an hour, a morning, or a day - put in the box those things you do not want to use. A laptop or cellphone or something symbolic - can serve as a physical reminder of what we leave behind when we enter sacred rest.

You can also use the Sabbath box to hold all the things you feel you have left undone. Perhaps write on a small piece of paper a word or phrase that signifies a particular worry or concern you would like to leave behind for the time being. Then light a candle, alone or with friends. Let each of you speak about those things that are left to do, and as the candle burns, allow the cares to melt away. Do not be anxious about tomorrow, said Jesus. The worries of today are sufficient for today. Whatever remains to be done, for now, let it be. It will not get done tonight. In Sabbath time we take our hand off the plow, and allow God and the earth to care for what is needed. Let it be. Then, at the end of your Sabbath time, be aware of how you open the box, and how you respond to what you receive back into your life.

- from **Sabbath** by Wayne Muller

The Riverside Church is grateful for the assistance of Rabbi Mike Moskowitz, whose thoughtful consultation allows us to honor our shared traditions and enhance the communal work of God in the world.

GATHERING

We gather as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

CARILLON

Meditation:

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Contemplation

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Alec Rowley

George Shearing

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

+CALL TO WORSHIP¹

One: This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: **This is a day for peace and proclamation, for rest and renewal, for worship and restoration.**

One: The sabbath day is a holy day, consecrated by the Creator as a gift to creation. We are commanded to honor and preserve it.

All: **The sabbath day is a holy day, wherein we realize that all days are God's days; a day of rest, wherein we realize that all work is God's work; a day of peace, wherein we can realize that God is our maker and our mender, too.**

One: Together, let us keep the sabbath.

Kiddush is the act of sanctifying the day which is ceremonially done over wine.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Christ, the Healer²

Wareham



O Christ, the heal - er, we__ have come to pray_ for health, to
From ev - ery ail - ment flesh_ en - dures our bo - dies clam - or
How strong, O Lord, are our__ de - sires, how weak_ our know - ledge
Grant that__ we all, made one__ in faith, in Your com - mu - ni -



plead_ for friends. How can__ we__ fail to be re -
to__ be freed; Yet in__ our__ hearts we would con -
of__ our - selves! Re - lease__ in__ us those heal - ing
ty__ may find the whole - ness_ that, en - rich - ing



stored, when reached by love__ that nev - er ends?
fess that__ whole - ness is__ our deep - est need.
truths un - con__ scious pride__ re - sists__ or shelves.
us, shall reach_ the whole_ of hu - man - kind.

+All who are able, please stand

SABBATH RITUAL

Psalm 99

(in English and Hebrew)

Dr. Fred Newsome

Rev. Rachel Johnson

SHALOM ALEICHEM

Samuel Goldfarb

Please join in singing verses 1 and 4 at the direction of the cantor.



1. Sha - lom a-lei-chem mal-a-chei ha- sha - reit, mal-a-chei El -
4. Tzeit-chem l'-sha-lom mal-a-chei ha- sha - lom,



yon, mi - me - lech mal - chei ham' la - chim, ha -



ka-dosh ba- ruch Hu.

(cantor - verses 2 & 3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION³

Rev. Ellen Robison

Lord of the Sabbath, hear our prayer.

It is hard for us to stop working, and learn to rest.

We confess that our busyness often substitutes for our holiness.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be still enough to know you.

Help us to understand that your sabbath is the means of our restoration,
providing liberation and freedom.

In this quiet, peaceful time, we honor you, we rest in you,
we long to be made free.

Through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God.

Hear now the confessions 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.

LISTENING

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

SOLO

Give Me Jesus

Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan

In the morning, when I rise, give me Jesus. You may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry: "Give me Jesus." And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Irene Ryan King, mezzo-soprano

+All who are able, please stand

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isabel Bogdan

Lamentations 3:22-33

(page 766 in the Old Testament)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

+HYMN 276

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

+GOSPEL LESSON

Rev. Dr. Robert Paul Hartley

Mark 5:21-43

(page 39 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Sabbath as Restoration

RESPONDING

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

SILENT MEDITATION

A time for reflection, prayer and contemplation.

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Aaron Rogers

OFFERTORY SOLO

The Lord Is My Light

Frances Allitsen

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom, then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom then shall I be afraid? Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid; and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. For, in the time of trouble, he shall hide me in his tabernacle, yea, in the secret places of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

Irene Ryan King, mezzo-soprano

+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. Rogers

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Personnel & Salary Committee, which partners with our staff to create an organizational culture where every member of our staff team is valued for their contributions to our collective ministry and treated with dignity and respect.

+All who are able, please stand

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Riverside Pastoral Staff

Following each petition, please join in the following responses:

One: Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Rev. Butler

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

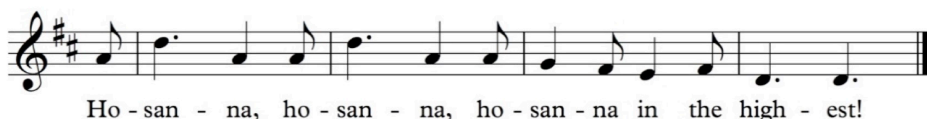
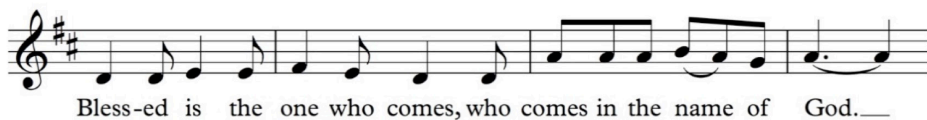
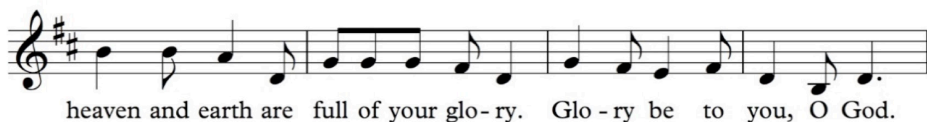
One: Lift up your hearts.

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

†All who are able, please stand

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



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

Meditation

Let Us Break Bread Together

*Norman Warren
Charles Callahan*

HYMN 515

Now to Your Table Spread

Love Unknown

+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 399

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Dunlap's Creek

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "America, the Beautiful"

Matthew H. Corl

+All who are able, please stand

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, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the green paraments and clergy stoles that represent new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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.

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.

Liturgical Resources for Today:

¹*The Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University*

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Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Isabel Bogdan, Rev. Dr. Robert Paul Hartley & Dr. Fred Newsome

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.



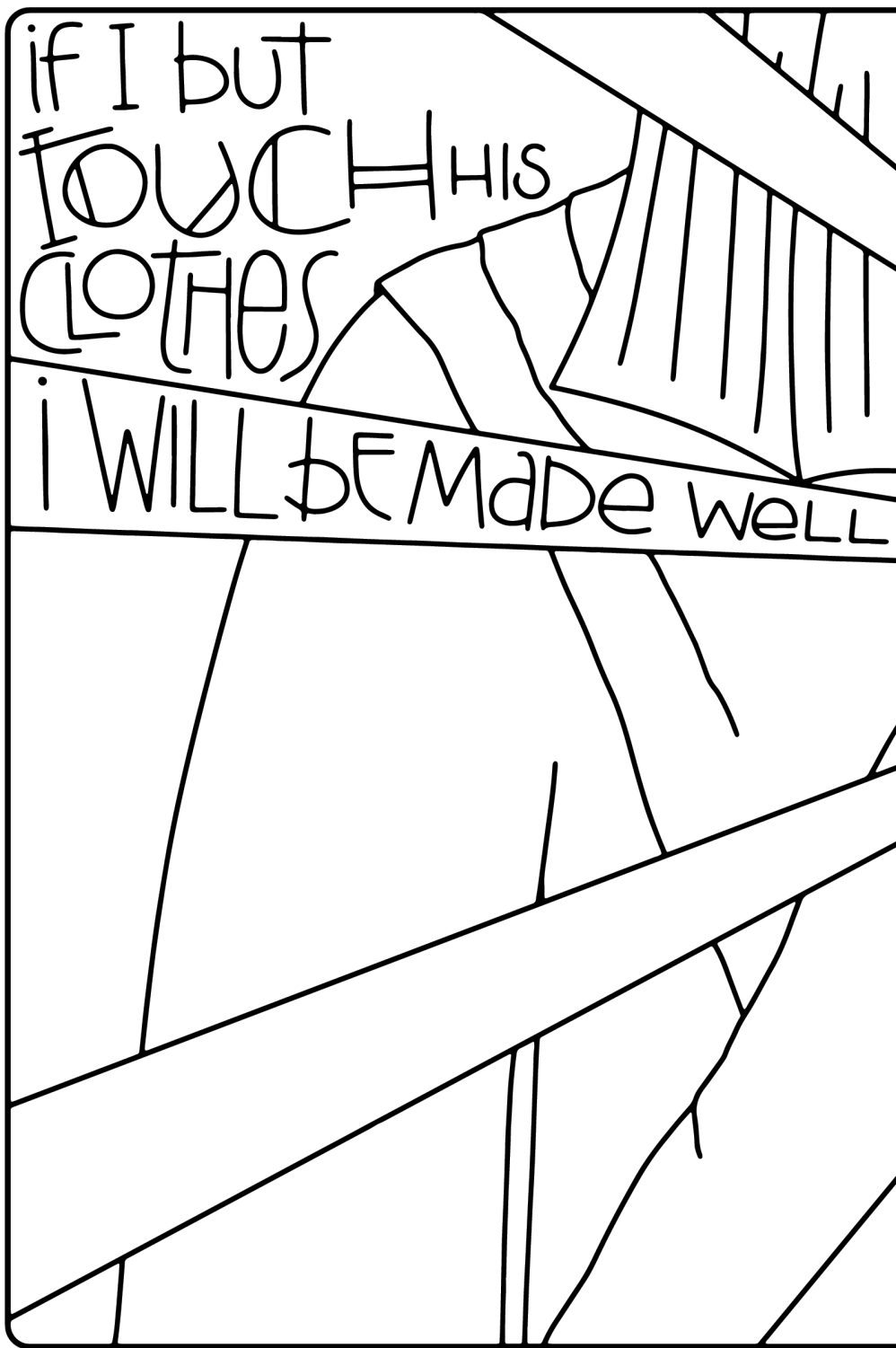
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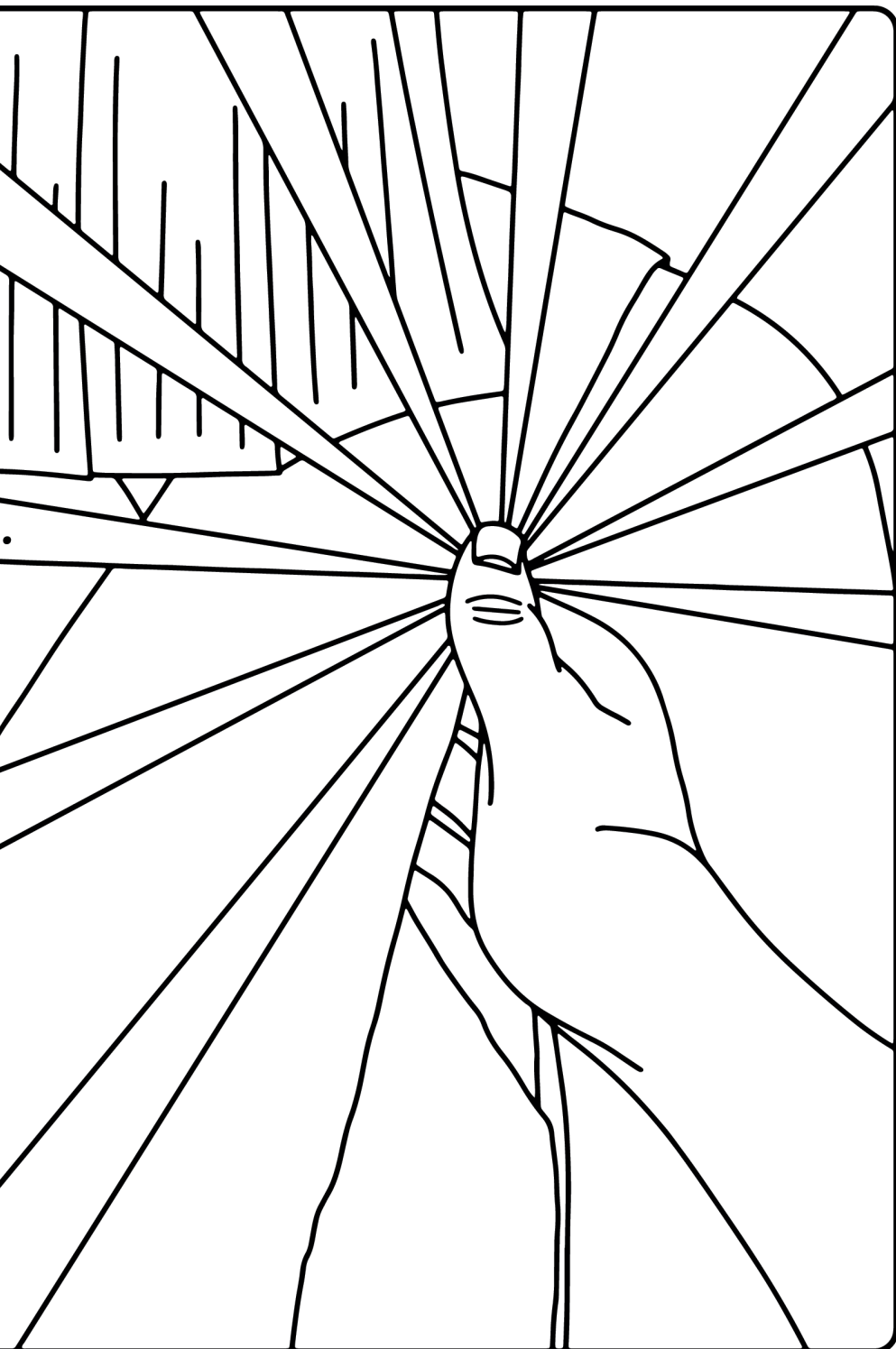
Two large, empty rectangular boxes with rounded corners, side-by-side, intended for drawing. Each box has a small semi-circular notch at the top and bottom center.

Mark 5 tells the story of a woman who had been sick for 12 years! It seemed like nothing and no one could make her better. She believes Jesus can heal her, even if she is able to simply touch his clothes. While Jesus is walking through the crowd, she reaches out and touches the back of his robe. Immediately, she is healed! In the first box, imagine you are with the crowd and draw what you think this looked like. In the second box, draw something you want to ask of Jesus.

if I but
TOUCH HIS
CLOTHES

I WILL BE MADE WELL





Mark 5:21-43

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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