SABBATH AS...

REMEMBERING

RELATIONSHIP

RENEWAL

REFOCUSING

RESTORATION

RADICAL WITNESS

JULY 1, 2018
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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 multifaceted 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.

“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

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.

PROCESIONAL HYMN
O Christ, the Healer²

Wareham

O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to
From ever-y 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 never 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
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*

♫ 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;

♫ 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

Holy, holy, holy God, Ruler Almighty;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to you, O God.
Blessed is the one who comes, who comes in the name of God.

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

HYMN 515
Now to Your Table Spread

†PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION
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

POSTLUDE
Fanfare on “America, the Beautiful”

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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3 The Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University

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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.
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.
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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