

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



REMEMBERING

RELATIONSHIP

RENEWAL

REEFOCUSING

RESTORATION

RADICAL WITNESS

JUNE 10, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

Sabbath as Relationship

For the next five weeks in worship we will be exploring Sabbath and the results of Sabbath keeping: relationship, renewal, refocusing, 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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You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you."

- St. Augustine

Ubuntu speaks of the very essence of being human. It is to say, "My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours." A person with ubuntu is open and available to others, affirming of others, does not feel threatened that others are able and good, for he or she has a proper self-assurance that comes from knowing that he or she belongs in a greater whole and is diminished when others are humiliated or diminished, when others are tortured or oppressed, or treated as if they were less than who they are. We belong in a bundle of life. We say, "A person is a person through other persons."

- Desmond Tutu

Sabbath Practice

When we gather for a Sabbath meal, we partake of the spiritual companionship of all who have loved us, all we love, all who have gone before and will come after. Everyone we have touched, those who have taught or held or nourished us all come to the table. It is good to be mindful of our ancestors, our loved ones, our extended family who could not join us in body for this blessed meal. So when you eat, set a place, complete with plate, glass, and silverware, an empty place to hold the awareness of all who join you there in spirit. During Passover, Jews set this place specifically for Elijah, awaiting his promised return. But for any sacred meal, it is good to leave a place of invitation, mindful of all those with whom we are, now and forever, consecrated family.

- 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: There is a Balm in Gilead

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

arr. John Coulter

ORGAN

Cantilene, from Sonata No. 11

Josef Rheinberger

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Amy Butler

+CALL TO WORSHIP

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

**All: This is a day for remembering and building relationship,
for rest and renewal, for refocusing 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.

+PROCESSIONAL HYMN 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Lyons

SABBATH RITUAL

Psalms 96

Rev. Bertram Johnson & Laura Harris

SHALOM ALEICHEM¹

Samuel Goldfarb

1. Sha - lom a-lei-chem mal-a-chei ha- sha - reit, mal-a-chei -
4. Tzeit-chem l'-sha-lom mal-a-chei ha- sha - lom, mal-a-chei El -
yon, mi - me-lech mal - chei ham' la - chim, ha -
ka-dosh ba- ruch Hu. (cantor - verses 2 & 3)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with a repeat sign at the end. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, with a triplet of eighth notes and a final measure with a double bar line and repeat dots. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*Peace be to you, O ministering angels, {Enter in peace, Bless me with peace, Depart in peace,}
O messengers of the Most High, the supreme Ruler of rulers, the Holy One, blessed is God.*

+All who are able, please stand

LISTENING

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

BAPTISM BY IMMERSION

Rev. Butler

Nakia Prileau

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

Rev. Michael Livingston

Grace Benn
Ami Sierra Harley-Thomason
Victoria Love Chin
Egypt LaShun Isler
Phoenix Turnbull

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATES

SOLO

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*John B. Dykes
arr. Ron Harris*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast." I came to Jesus as I was, weary worn and sad, I found in Him a resting-place and He has made me glad. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light; look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my Sun; and in that Light of life I'll walk, till traveling days are done.

Kimberly Walton, mezzo-soprano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. B. Johnson

Lord of the Sabbath, hear our prayer.

It is hard for us to stop working, and remember 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 remember that you desire to be in relationship with us,
and that relationship is a model for how we are to be in community
with one another.**

**In this time of worship, we honor you, we rest in you,
and we seek to live in harmony with those around us.**

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Robbie Patterson

Genesis 3:8-15

(page 3 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

+*All who are able, please stand*

†HYMN

How Lovely, Lord

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is Your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon Your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
And so Your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

In Your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
Is better than a thousand if I from You should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance and claim You as my Lord
Than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever are You, O Lord Most High;
You shower us with blessings; no good will You deny.
The saints, Your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,
And from their life shall rivers of blessing overflow.

†GOSPEL LESSON

Gregory Muniz

Mark 3:20-35

(page 37 in the New Testament)

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Butler

Sabbath as Relationship

RESPONDING

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

SILENT MEDITATION

Menhua is the Hebrew word for rest.

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.

†*All who are able, please stand*

**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.**

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Farley Lord

OFFERTORY SOLO

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Edwin T. Childs

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, thy child let me be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou my inheritance, now and always. Thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Kimberly Walton, 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

Farley Lord

Today we celebrate the ministry of our Church Council, Commissions and Committees as they begin a new year of dreaming, planning, and discerning the many ways that we might be Christ's hands and feet in the world.

SENDING

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

✚BENEDICTION

Rev. Butler

✚RECESSIONAL HYMN 436

We Are Your People

Whitfield

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

Frederick Swann

✚*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.

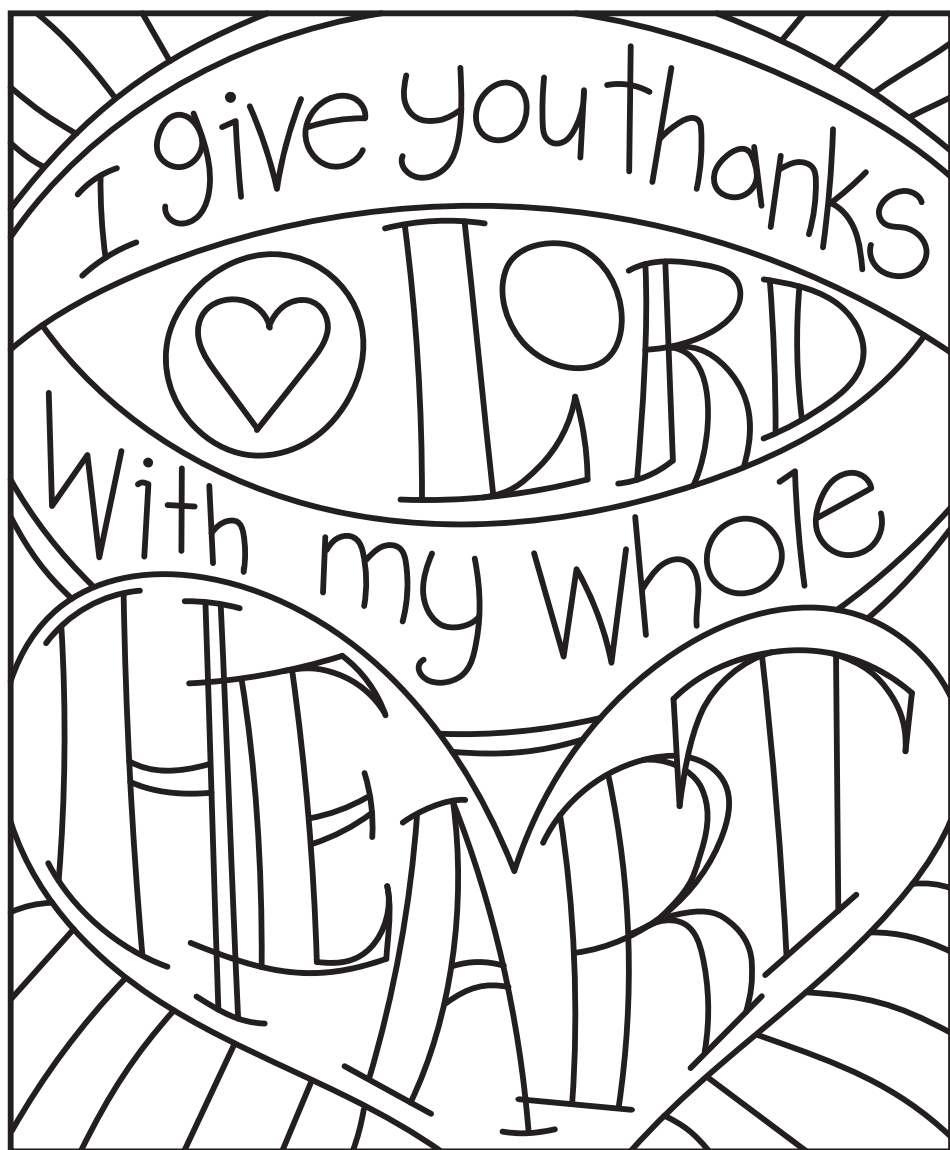
Liturgical Resources for Today:

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*Special thanks to our congregational leaders:
Robbie Patterson, Gregory Muniz & Laura Harris*

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.



UNSCRAMBLE IT

Unscramble the words from Mark 3. When people ask Jesus who his family is, what does Jesus say? What do you think this means?

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SI YM HEBRTRO DAN TESRIS

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NDA HOMRET.

DOODLE AREA



Doodle Idea: Draw something or someone you love.



THOUGH
I WALK in the
MIDST of TROUBLE
YOU PRESERVE



THROUGH THE
FIRE,
HE
SAVES ME.

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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