

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 15, 2018
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

DEAR CHURCH...

Dear Church, over the next seven weeks we will be exploring ways in which we, the church of Jesus Christ at 490 Riverside Drive, New York, NY, can grow together in faith and mission to the world. Together we will explore: who we are, who is welcome, how we love, what we do, how we fail, how we succeed, and why we're here.

As Paul wrote to our partner church at Corinth, "You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts."

July 15



It's Good to Be Us
Rev. Ellen Robison

July 22



What Do We Do When
the Walls Fall Down?
Rev. Kevin Wright

July 29



Dear Church,
Share the Love
Rev. Amy Butler

August 5



Dear Church, Unity:
Can We Do It?
Rev. Michael Livingston

August 12



Dear Church, Time Out
Rev. Amy Butler

August 19



It's Time for Wise Living
Min. Christian Peele

August 26



What's the Point?
Rev. Amy Butler

GATHERING

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

CARILLON

Meditation

Dionisio Lind, Carillonneur

ORGAN

Cantabile, from Symphonie VIII

Charles-Marie Widor

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Ellen Robison

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Praise the Gracious Power

Marion



O Praise the gra - cious power That tum - bles walls of
O Praise in - clu - sive love, En - cir - cling ev - ery
O Praise the tide of grace That laps at ev - ery
4 O Praise the liv - ing Christ With faith's bright song - ful



fear And gath - ers in one house of faith All
race, Ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, To
shore With vi - sions of a world at peace, No
voice! An - nounce the gos - pel to the world And



stran - gers far and near:
so - cial rank or place: We praise You,
long - er bled by war:
with these words re - joice:



Christ! Your cross has made us one!

†All who are able, please stand

†CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Minister Charlene Wingate

One: O God, you are the gathering one

**All: who calls us into community with each other;
to love and work, to support and heal.**

One: You are the gathering one

**All: who calls us into community with all people;
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.**

One: You are the gathering one

**All: who calls us into community with the whole creation;
to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.
Let us worship the God who makes us one.**

†OPENING PRAYER

LISTENING

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

SOLO

The Beatitudes

Albert Hay Malotte

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Lisa Daeblyn, soprano

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Minister Derrick Jordan

Holy God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world.

Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church,

making it hard to see that we are your community.

We act as though we do not need each other.

We do not know and bear each other's burdens.

We fail to build each other up.

We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another.

Forgive us and strengthen us so that we may live in your love and peace.

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

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jocardo Ralston

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

(page 280 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*

†HYMNS

Behold the Goodness of Our Lord

Amazing Grace

7 Be - hold the good - ness of our Lord, How blest it is to
 Like pre - cious oil up - on the head, A heal - ing for our
 12 be A com - pa - ny of God's be -
 strife, It flows through - out our com - mon
 loved, In ho - ly u - ni - ty.
 bond, Re - fresh - ing all of life.

How Great thou Art

O Store Gud

3 O Lord my God! when I in awe - some won - der Con - si - der
 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - clam - a - tion And take me
 5 all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the
 home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall
 stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der, Thy power through -
 bow in hum - ble a - dor - a - tion, And there pro -
 7 *Refrain*
 out the u - ni - verse dis played; Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to
 claim, my God, how great Thou art!
 10 Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my
 13 soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou
 15 art, how great Thou art!

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EPISTLE LESSON

Kristina Giles

Ephesians 1:3-14

(page 192 in the New Testament)

One: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before God in love.

All: God destined us for adoption as God's children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of God's will, to the praise of God's glorious grace that God freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

One: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight God has made known to us the mystery of God's will, according to God's good pleasure that God set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in God, things in heaven and things on earth.

All: In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

One: In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God's glory.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Robison

Dear Church, It's Good to Be Us

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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Lynn Casteel Harper

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up unto the Lord.

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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.**

✚PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

INVITATION TO GIVE AND SERVE

Rev. Harper

OFFERTORY SOLO

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings

Samuel Liddle

How lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God. Yea the sparrow hath found her a house, and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God. O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer. I would rather be a door keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness for a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

Lisa Daeblyn, 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. Harper

Today we celebrate the work of our Communications Ministry which, shares the good news of God's love and justice embodied by The Riverside Church by any media necessary, through the website, social media, podcasts, videos, press releases, event flyers, the bulletin you're holding right now, and more.

✚*All who are able, please stand*

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Robison

†RECESSIONAL HYMN 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Major

Théodore Dubois

†*All who are able, please stand*

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.

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.

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.

Liturgical Resources for Today:

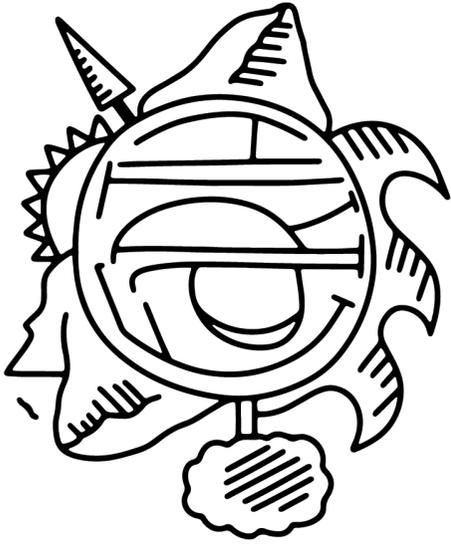
¹Christianaid.org

²*Eunice T. McGarrahan*

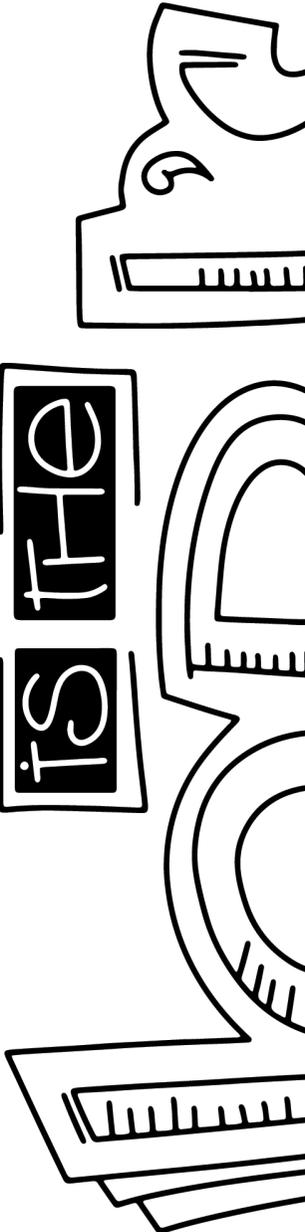
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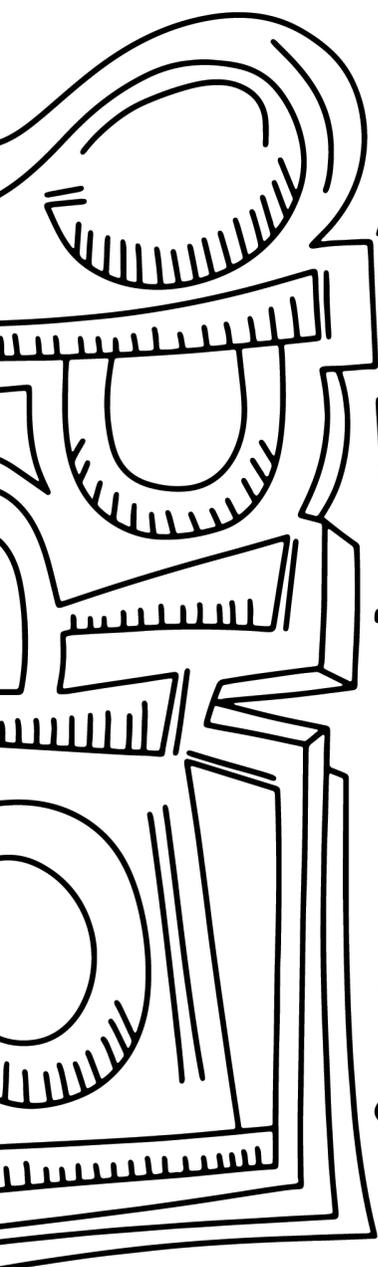
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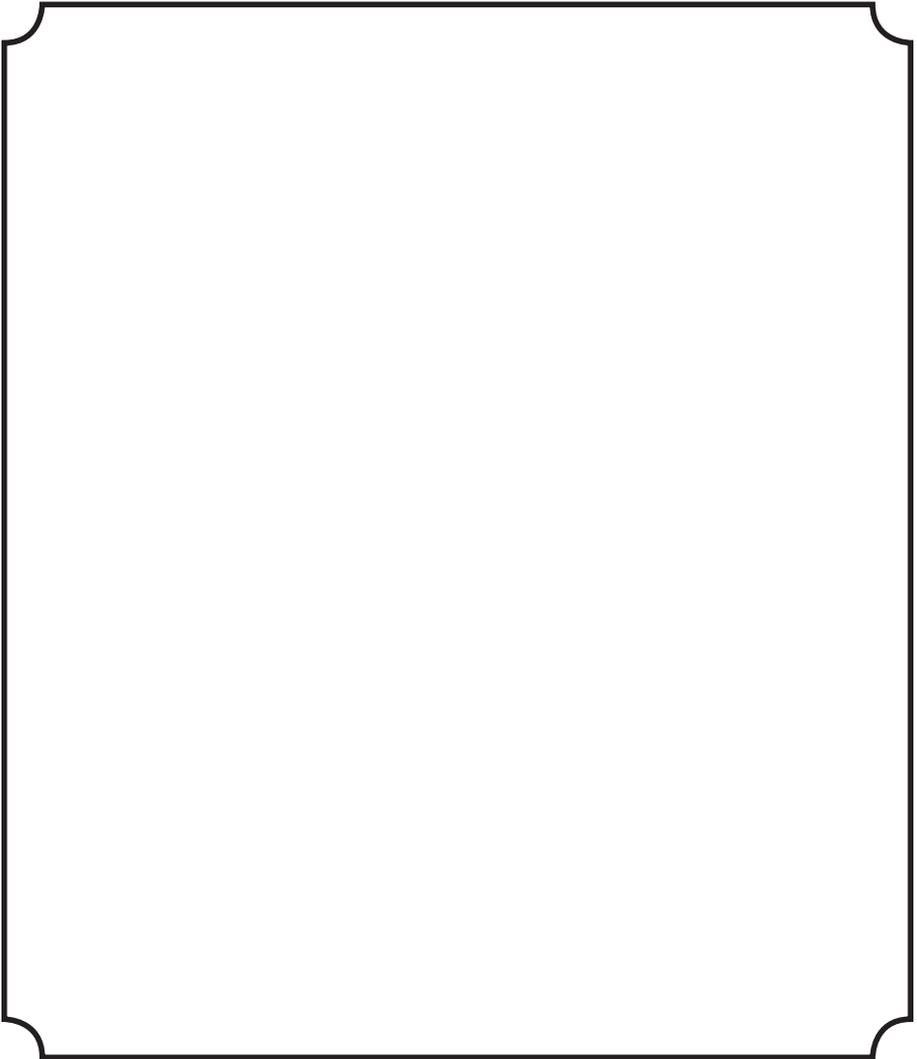




AND ALL THAT
IS IN IT.



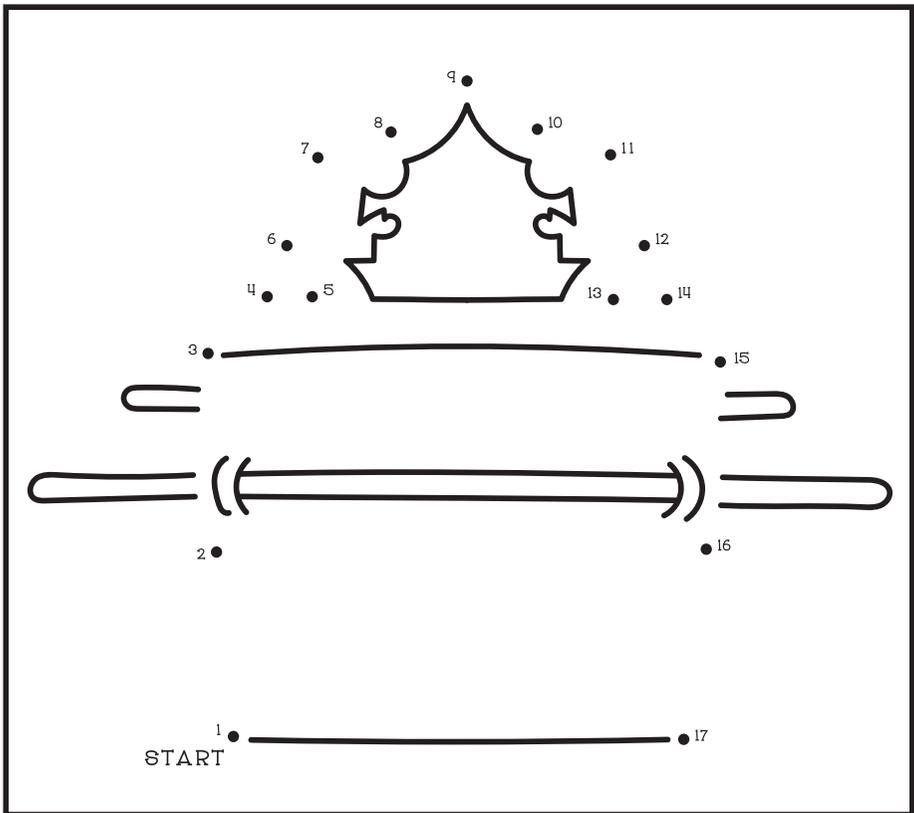
DRAW IT



Psalm 24 says, "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." Draw a picture of the world and then within the world, draw the things that are a part of your life. As you draw, think about how God is the Maker of all these things. If God made these things, God loves these things.

CONNECT the DOTS

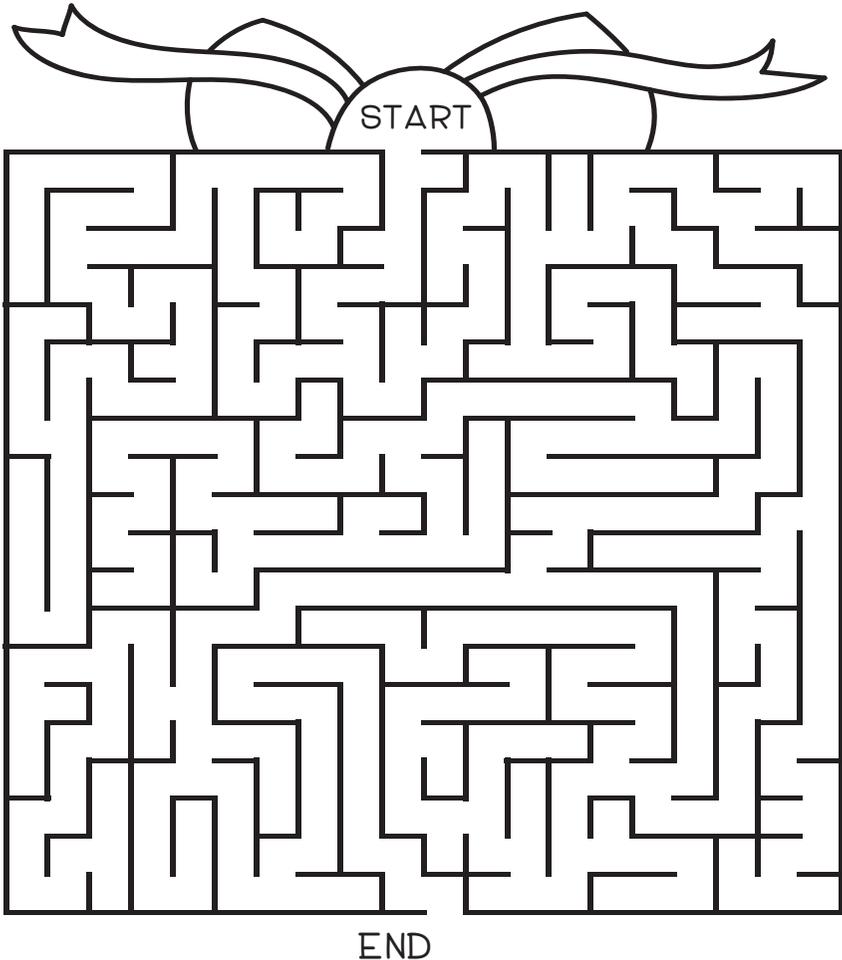
In the Old Testament, God's people carried something special called "the ark of the covenant" that represented God's presence. They would put the ark on a cart to travel with them. Connect the dots to see what this ark looked like.





SOLVE (the) MAZE

Ephesians 1 says God gives all God's children an "inheritance," which is a fancy name for a gift. There are many gifts God gives us as a part of this inheritance – hope, love, the promise God will always be with us, and more. Make your way through the maze and when you get to the end, write or draw some of the gifts God has given you as an inheritance.



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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