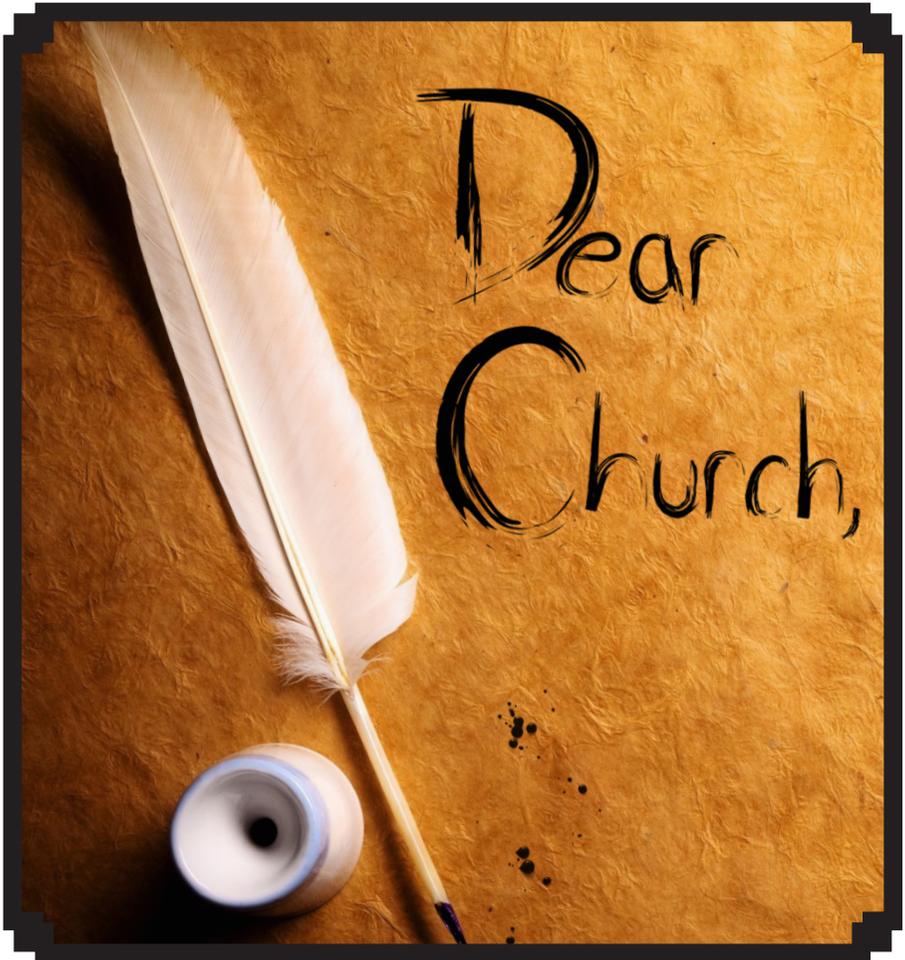


The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 22, 2018
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

DEAR CHURCH...

Dear Church, over the next six 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



Share the Love
Rev. Rachel Johnson

August 5



Unity: Can We Do It?
Rev. Michael Livingston

August 12



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

Prelude on "Brother James' Air"

Harold Darke

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Church's One Foundation

Aurelia



The chur-ch's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord; we
'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war, we
Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One, and



are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word; From
wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; Till
mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won. O



heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free; with
with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed, and
hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we, like



pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.
the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

† All who are able, please stand

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Amanda Meisenheimer

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

When I Think Upon Thy Goodness

Franz Josef Haydn

When I think upon Thy goodness, and recall Thy tender care, then O God my heart rejoiceth how great Thy wonders are. For Thy love, it ever floweth, like the sea it hath no bound; and Thy truth is ever near us, for in Thee is comfort found.

Jake Roan, tenor

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

Minister Christian Peele

O God, our fears and prejudices run deep.

Sometimes we can only see our own point of view.

We stick with those who are like us,

rarely venturing outside our comfort zones.

We fail to hear those crying for justice and true peace.

**Too often we blame those who are suffering and in need,
instead of standing by them.**

**We deny the power of your gospel to unite us with those
who are different from us.**

Lord, forgive us and give us eyes to see and ears to hear.

**Open us to new possibilities of life for all of your people,
and use us to enact the new life given in Christ.**

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

†*All who are able, please stand*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

A TEACHING MOMENT

Amanda Meisenheimer

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Abigail Johnson

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

(page 281 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis



Blest be___ the tie___ that binds our hearts in Chris - tian
Be - fore___ our Ma - ker's throne we pour___ our ar - dent
From sor - row, toil,___ and pain, and sin___ we shall___ be



love: the fel - low - ship___ of kin - dred
prayers; our fears,___ our hopes,___ our aims___ are
free; and per - fect love___ and friend - ship



minds___ is like___ to that___ a - bove.
one,___ our com - forts and___ our cares.
reign___ through all___ e - ter - ni - ty.

+All who are able, please stand

It Is Well With My Soul

Ville du Havre



When peace, like a ri - ver, at - tends my way, when
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll; What - e - ver my lot, you have
clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trum - pet shall sound, and the



taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
Lord shall des - cend: ev - en so, it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is



well, it is well with my soul.

EPISTLE LESSON

Eugene Melino

Ephesians 2:11-22
(page 192 in the New Testament)

One: So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

All: But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.

One: He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

All: So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

One: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

All: In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Kevin Wright

Dear Church, What Do We Do When the Walls Fall Down?

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. 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.

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

Minister Peele

OFFERTORY SOLO

Simple Song from “Mass”

Leonard Bernstein

Sing God a simple song, Lauda, Laude. Make it up as you go along, Lauda, Laude. Sing like you like to sing. God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song to praise, to bless, to bless the Lord. I will sing God's praises while I live all of my days. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, blessed is the one who praises God. Lauda, Lauda, Laude. And walks in God's ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord, singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand. And the sun shall not smite me by day nor the moon by night. Blessed is the one who loves the Lord, Lauda, Lauda, Laude. And walks in God's ways. Lauda, Lauda, Laude. Lauda, Lauda di da di day. All of my days.

†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

Minister Peele

Today we celebrate the work of the Membership, Care & Parish Life Commission, whose many ministries and programs serve and support new members, long-term members, and anyone seeking to enrich their faith journey.

†*All who are able, please stand*

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Wright

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter



What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er
Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er
What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er



last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms; I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing, lean - ing,
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.



safe and se-cure from all a - larms; Lean - ing,



lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune in D Major, Op. 15

C. S. Lang

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:

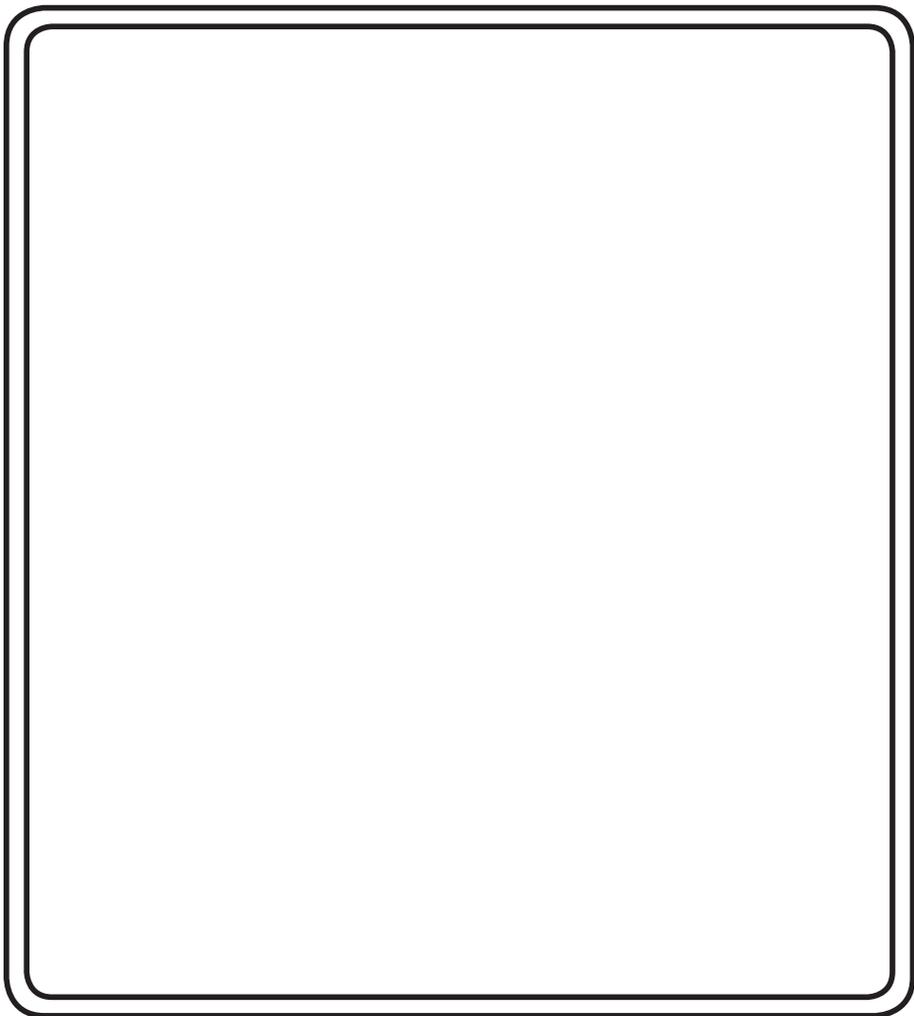
¹Barbara Hedge-Goetti

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Abigail Johnson and Eugene Melino



DRAW IT

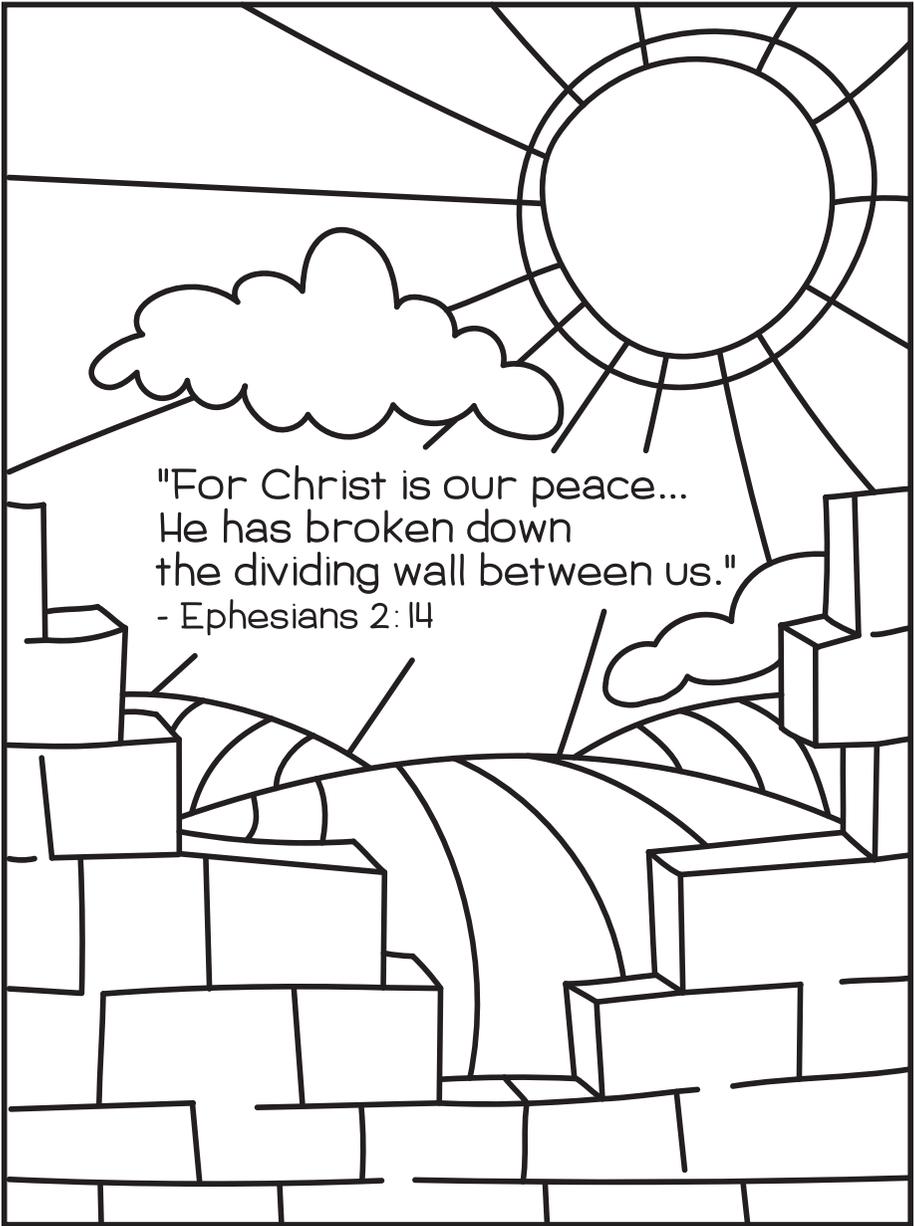


In Mark 6, the disciples are working hard as they help Jesus care for people. Jesus tells them, "Come away to a quiet place and rest awhile." Jesus himself rested, knowing how important rest is if we want to live well and do God's work. **Draw a picture of your favorite place to rest, and think about why rest is important for you.**





Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



"For Christ is our peace...
He has broken down
the dividing wall between us."
- Ephesians 2:14

FOLLOW the PATH

What does King David want to build for the Lord?
Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what David wants to build.

d m e H r t p o
start

w e k a U

n s e w b E p a

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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