

The Riverside Church

in the City of New York



JULY 29, 2018
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE RIVERSIDE CHURCH

Interdenominational · Interracial · International · Open · Affirming · Welcoming

DEAR CHURCH...

Dear Church, over the next five 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

Andante religioso - Allegretto, from Sonata IV

Felix Mendelssohn

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

Rev. Michael Livingston

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Help Us Accept Each Other¹

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein



Help us ac-cept each oth - er as Christ ac-cept-ed us; Teach
Teach us, O God, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life we
Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved in
God, for to-day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, who



us as our own sib - lings each per - son to em - brace. Be
strug-ple to be hu - man and search for hope and faith. Teach
liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love; To
hun-ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ-teous-ness and bread, bring



pre-sent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve we
us to care_ for peo - ple, for all, not just for some, to
prac-tice your_ ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart the
us new eyes_ for see - ing, new hands for hold-ing on; re -



are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
love them as we find_ them or as they may be - come.
ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh-ter's heal - ing art.
new us with your Spir - it; God, free us, make us one!

† All who are able, please stand

†CALL TO WORSHIP²

Dr. Hsien-Yu Wang

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 Lord is My Shepherd

Jaebon Hwang

The Lord is my Shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort. She shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for her Name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me. Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full. But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

David Orcutt, baritone

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Ellen Robison

Life-giving God,

together we confess that it is you who unites us in faith.

**Together we come to know the height, and the breadth
and the depth of the love of Christ.**

**Together we are to bear one another's burdens, comfort one another,
pray for one another, and build up one another.**

Forgive us when we fail to serve you in this world.

Root us and ground us in the power of your love.

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

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WORDS OF ASSURANCE

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Dr. Malva Wise-White

2 Samuel 11:1-15

(page 284 in the Old Testament)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

+HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love



What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! _____ What
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; _____ And



won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to
when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, And



bear the heav-y cross for my soul, for my soul, to
through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And



bear the heav-y cross for my soul.
through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

+All who are able, please stand

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Nettleton

There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness of the
For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of the
sea; There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice, which is
mind; And the heart of the E - ter - nal is most
more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more
sor - rows are more felt than in God's heav'n; There is
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word; And our
no place where earth's fail - ings have such
lives re - flect thanks - giv - ing for the
kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
good - ness of our God.

EPISTLE LESSON

Dr. Kurt Adams

Ephesians 3:14-21

(page 193 in the New Testament)

One: For this reason I [Paul], bow my knees before God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name.

All: I pray that, according to the riches of God's glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God's Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.

One: I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

All: Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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SERMON

Rev. Rachel Johnson

Dear Church, Share the Love

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

Rev. Robison

†*All who are able, please stand*

✝ OFFERTORY SOLO

Eternal Life

Olive Dungan

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love; for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

✝ 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. Robison

Today we celebrate the ministry of the the South Africa/Cuban Support Group, whose programs includes educational travel to South Africa and support for truth and reconciliation, trauma care, hospitality, housing and microloans as well as partnering with IFCO/Pastors for Peace for the work they do in Cuba.

✝ *All who are able, please stand*

SENDING

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

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Johnson

†RECESSIONAL HYMN

Take My Life

Hendon



Take my life, God, let it be con-se-crated faith-ful-ly.
Take my spir-it, let it move at the im-pulse of your love.
Take my love and help it grow; let my lov-ing ov-er-flow.



Take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in
Take my in-tel-lect and use all its pow-ers
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com-



cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
as you choose, all its pow-ers as you choose.
mu-ni-ty, part of Christ's com-mu-ni-ty.

POSTLUDE

Allegro assai vivace, from Sonata I

Mendelssohn

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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:

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²*Christianaid.org*

Special thanks to our congregational leaders:

Rev. Dr. Malva Wise-White and Dr. Kurt Adams

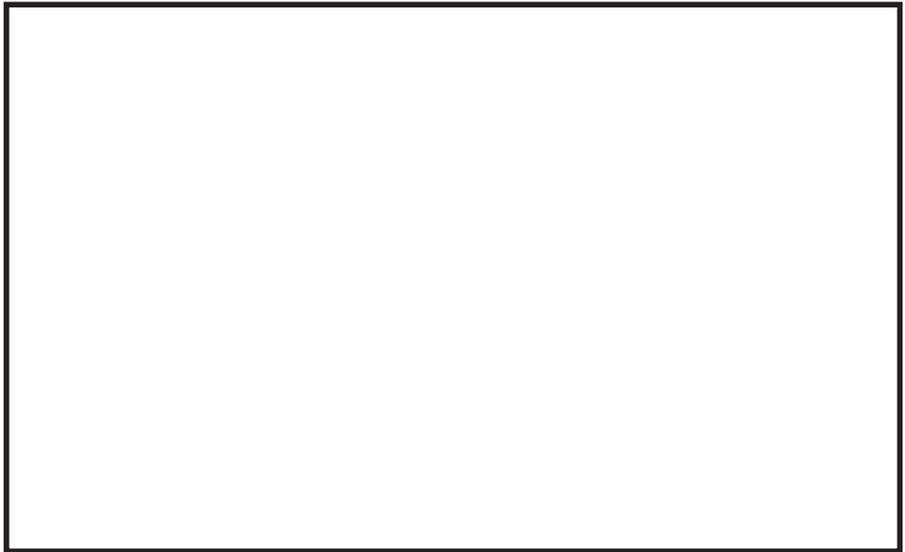
UNSRCAMBLE IT

What did Jesus say to his disciples when they saw him walking on the water?

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DOODLE AREA

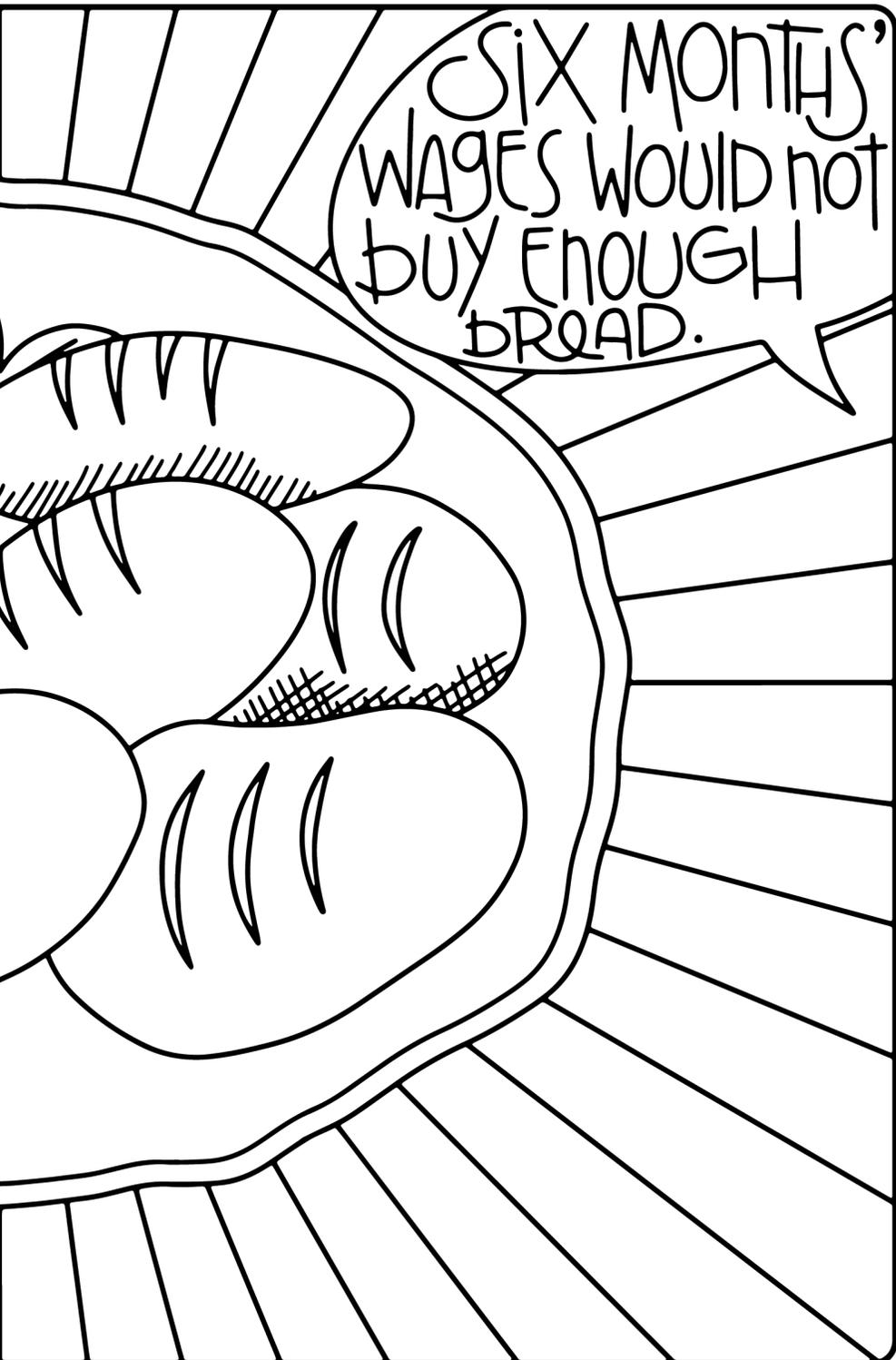


Doodle Idea: Draw a picture of someone you want to pray for.



WHAT ARE THEY AMONG SO MANY PEOPLE?

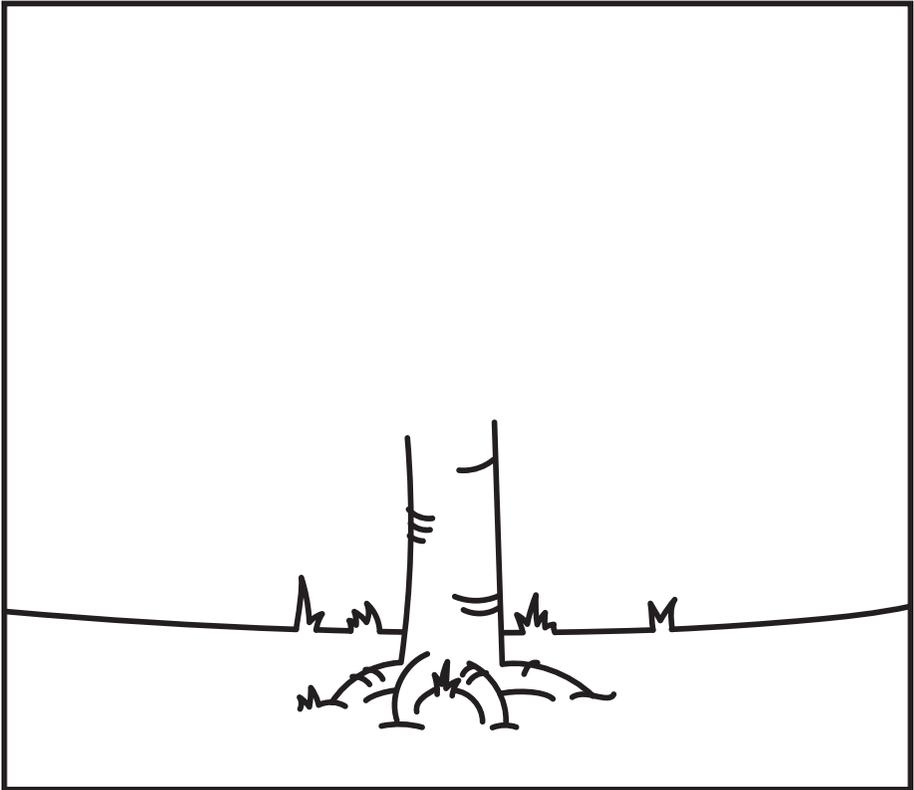
WHERE ARE WE TO BUY BREAD FOR THESE PEOPLE TO EAT?

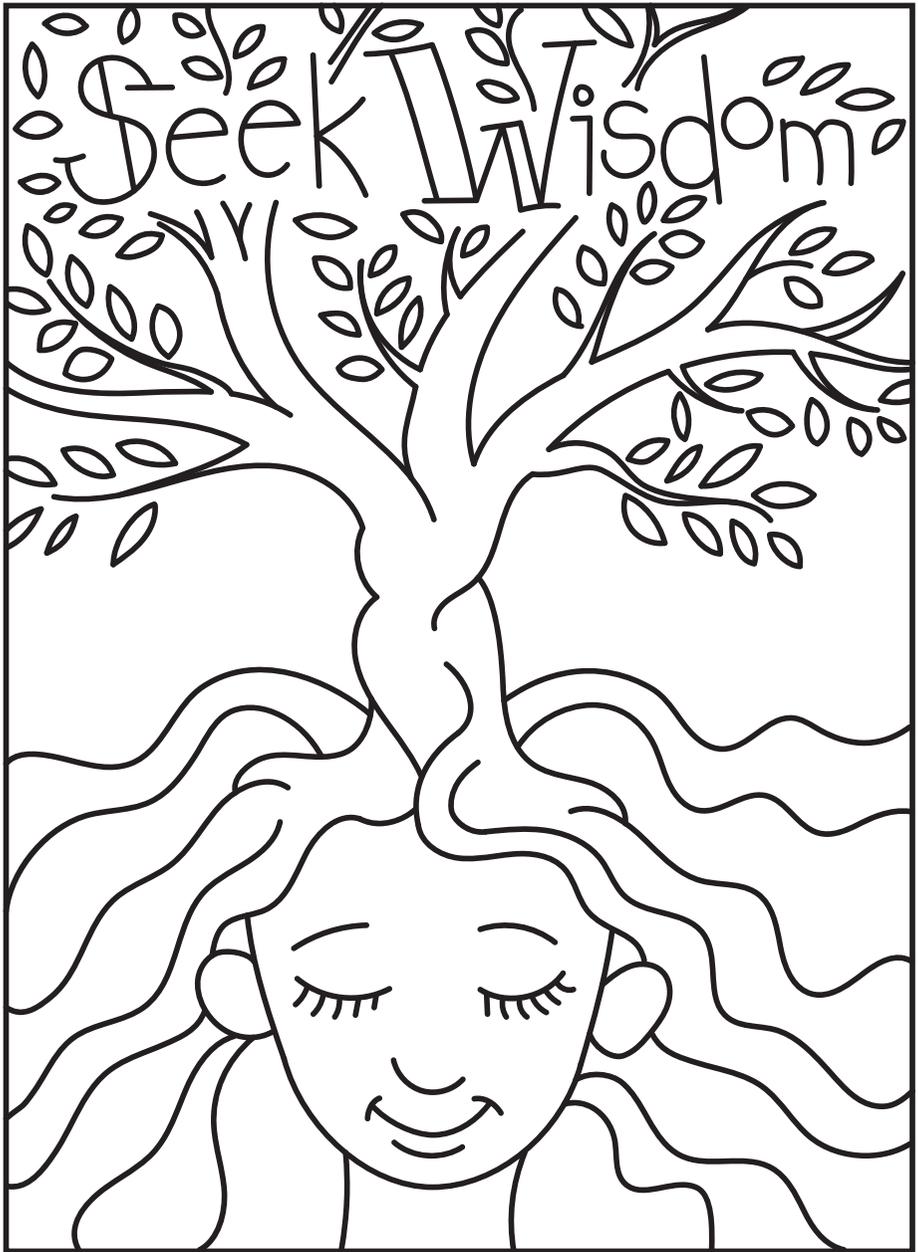


SIX MONTHS'
WAGES WOULD NOT
BUY ENOUGH
BREAD.

FINISH the DRAWING

Ephesians 3 is a beautiful prayer, asking Christ to live in our hearts, rooting and grounding us in love. It can make us think of a tree. For a tree to grow well and be strong, its roots must grow deep. Finish the picture of the tree. Around and inside the tree, write words or draw pictures of things that remind you of God's love.





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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